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# IRA bomb campaign foiled

## Man shot dead in swoop on terrorists

By STEWART TENDER, RICHARD FORD AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

IRA plans to devastate London with massive lorry bombs were foiled yesterday when armed police found ten tons of explosive during raids in which a suspected terrorist was shot dead and five others arrested.

The explosives, two lorries, arms and other bomb-making materials were found in a north London warehouse which could have been used as a "one-stop shop" to equip IRA units for a variety of attacks in the run-up to the general election. Officers believe that the first could have been planned for today.

The man who died was shot when police broke into a Hammersmith guest house at 4.30 am; two other men were arrested there and two more were held in simultaneous raids on other addresses in west London. A fifth was arrested as he came off his shift as a British Airways engineer at Gatwick.

Assistant Commissioner David Veness, the head of Scotland Yard's specialist operations, said that the home-made explosives were virtually ready for use and would probably have been used to make large lorry

bombs such as those used in the attacks on Manchester and Canary Wharf earlier this year. Another senior officer said that the arms cache — the second biggest found in either Great Britain or Ireland — suggested that the IRA was planning a prolonged mainland campaign which would have been flexible and unpredictable.

John Major, who spent 15 minutes talking to his Irish counterpart John Bruton about the find and the arrests, said that he was absolutely delighted by the recovery of so much weaponry. But he said it again put a question mark over the paramilitaries' commitment to the faltering peace process.

"The discovery of these plans and the huge stocks of explosives and arms put in their proper context professions of peaceful intentions by Sinn Fein's leaders and speculation about a new IRA ceasefire," the Prime Minister said. "It remains impossible to reconcile Sinn Fein's rhetoric for peace with the IRA's preparations for murder."

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein

president, expressed regret at the death of one of the suspects and blamed Britain's handling of the peace process for renewed IRA violence. He all but ruled out hopes of another truce and said: "This incident underlines the seriousness of the situation. We have lived with a political vacuum for some time and that is entirely dangerous."

Three of the men under arrest last night were said to be English and two to have come from Northern Ireland, although all had Irish backgrounds. Sources in London and Dublin said that three of them were known as Brian McHugh, James Murphy and Patrick Kelly; the airline engineer was named as Mick Phillips.

The man shot at the Premier West guest house in Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, was treated at the scene by paramedics, but died in intensive care at Charing Cross Hospital. The Police Complaints Authority will supervise the investigation into his death.

One of the houses raided yesterday — 28 Averill Street in Fulham — was bought for cash two weeks after the IRA declared its 1994 ceasefire.

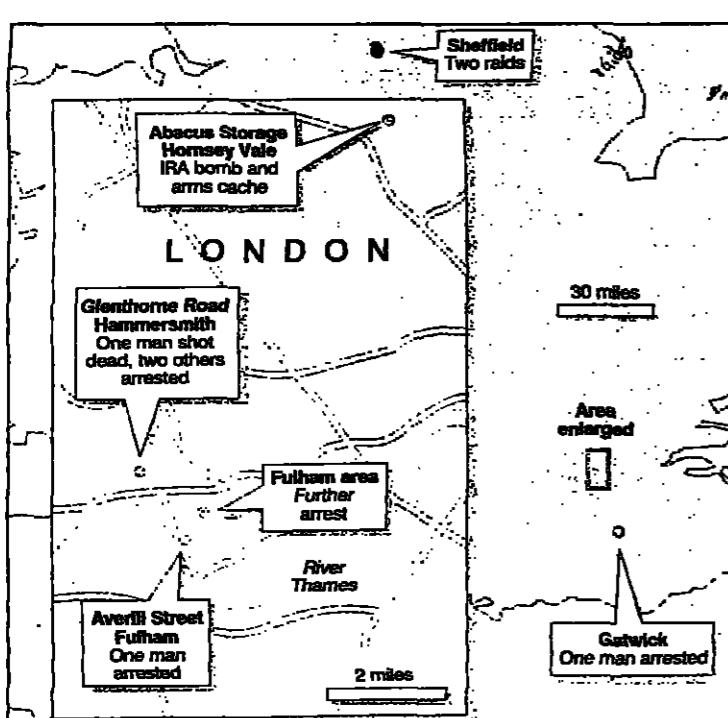
The arms cache was found in a secure steel room in a warehouse on the Cranford Way industrial estate in Hornsey Vale. Besides the ten tons of home-made explosive, the haul included 2lb of Semtex military explosive, 13 assorted timers, detonators, two booby-traps with magnets for use as car bombs, three Kalashnikov AK-47 assault rifles, two handguns and ammunition. The lorries were ready to transport huge devices, probably within the London area as the bombers would not have wanted to drive far.

The space at the Abacus Self Storage depot was rented out to the terrorists, posing as a transport firm, about four or five months ago. The men, who spoke with English accents, provided identification but were not asked for references. Robin Greenwood of Abacus said: "We shall be looking at ways to tighten security."

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The shot IRA suspect staggered and collapsed on the steps of a guest house in west London



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### Thatcher 'lost faith in Major in only 22 days'

By PHILIP WEBSTER  
POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET THATCHER became identified with John Major within 22 days of his becoming Prime Minister, a former policy adviser

her removal from power are contained in George Urban's book *Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher*, which is being serialised in *The Times*. It discloses that on December 19, 1990, Lady Thatcher was already deeply critical of the tone and direction of Mr Major's new administration. He had taken over at Downing Street 22 days before.

In the previous three weeks he had sent Michael Heseltine, Lady Thatcher's arch-enemy, to the Environment Department to ditch the community charge, or poll tax, in which she had invested so much of her authority. In the European Community the new Prime Minister had dropped her

confrontational style and was sending out signals that he wanted Britain to be at the heart of Europe. In the Cabinet, he had adopted a collegiate style, alien to Lady Thatcher in her latter years.

A sense of betrayal already seemed to have affected her. Mr Urban records her as having said when she went to lunch at the Centre for Policy Studies: "The new Government, well, I think they have embarked on a course of great danger. It is quite clear already that they want to undo many of the things we have accomplished, and there is no telling where that might take them. All the wrong people are rejoicing. That's a sure indication

that they are walking down the wrong road."

Later, he records her as having voiced concern that Britain under Mr Major was losing its way in the world. "Well, you realise, George, don't you, that it is the European involvement that is, above all other things, dragging Britain down? It is our participation in that unholy mess."

She also tells him that "Conservative" is no longer the right name for the Tories: "It's directly misleading. We are not a 'conservative' party; we are a party of innovation, of striking out in new directions."

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### Clarke rocks the boat

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE Prime Minister was last night reported to be exasperated over Kenneth Clarke's departure from the agreed Cabinet line on the European single currency.

Mr Clarke was felt to have abused his near-untouchable position in the Government and to have breached an agreement which the Cabinet Eurosceptics have observed.

A growing number of right-wing MPs are suggesting that Mr Major could now afford to sacrifice Mr Clarke in the interests of pushing through a

change of policy. However, most senior strategists in Downing Street and Conservative Central Office believe that if Mr Clarke left the Government, other pro-European ministers would follow him into exile and the split would ruin any chances of a Tory recovery. An influential party figure said yesterday: "It would not just be Clarke. There would be five or six others."

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## IRA arrests: neighbours woken by shots and shattered glass as operation begins

# Gunfire at dawn as police storm terrorist bolthole

BY ADRIAN LEE AND BILL FROST

SHORTLY before 4.30am yesterday a blue van drew quietly into a west London street. Armed police dressed in black pulled on gas masks and unloaded ladders before taking up positions outside the guesthouse at 28 Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith.

At 4.30am precisely the ladders were pushed up against the side and rear walls of the Edwardian building. Neighbours were woken by the sound of glass shattering as CS canisters were thrown into first-floor bedrooms.

Other officers, crouched in the firing position behind trees, covered the property as their colleagues pushed through the broken windows illuminated by searchlights.

Witnesses said they heard up to eight shots. Moments later one man, fatally injured, was dragged outside. At first light, a trail of blood could be seen on the floor at the entrance to the building. A paramedic treated the man where he fell but he died later at Charing Cross Hospital.

There were up to 11 guests staying in The Lodge, an annexe of the Premier West Hotel. No one else was hurt. A guest at The Lodge described how he saw a man, wearing only his underpants, pulled out by police. "They threw him on the ground face down. A policeman had his foot on his back pinning him down. The guy who had been shot was dragged off the steps and pulled onto the road. I saw a policeman pumping at his chest, trying to revive him."

There were loads of police running around with masks on. After a while I went back to bed but the window was open and my eyes were streaming from the gas. "The guest said he had been told by the hotel porter that at least one of those involved had been staying at The Lodge for several months.

Gulashan Ali, whose home overlooks the side of the guesthouse, was woken at 4.30am. "There was a lot of banging and screaming going

on and breaking glass. There were police everywhere with bullet-proof jackets. They were shouting, 'Throw down your weapon' or 'Throw down your gun.' Some police crouched behind a tree with what looked like machine-guns. There were eight or ten of them and I could see three ladders up the walls. There were eight or ten shots all in one go."

About 40 minutes after she was woken, Mrs Ali, 32, a mother of two, saw an ambulance arrive and someone carried from the building on a stretcher. "I heard one of the policemen say, 'I don't think

he has a chance.'" A blind man wearing a white towelling robe was led to an unmarked police car. He was handcuffed, according to Mrs Ali, who believed that he had only recently arrived at the guesthouse. Two men arrived on Friday carrying big holdalls. One had brown hair and the other was tall and blond and wearing glasses at the time. I think he was the man in the robe. My husband asked him for change. He seemed pleasant enough."

Another neighbour spoke of seeing a red-haired young man at the house. "He is a nice lad, he always greets us. He seems a happy-go-lucky sort of bloke. He has been doing a lot of decorating recently. He has been working on the place until the light fades at night."

Land Registry records disclosed that the house was bought on September 14, 1994, a fortnight after the IRA ceasefire was announced. Three men with the same surname are listed on records for the property. People living near by said that the house had been split into two flats and was home to a "London-Irish" family.

A second suspect was led away in handcuffs, marking the successful conclusion of a raid that had been accomplished in minutes. At exactly the same time, about a mile away in Fulham, families were woken by loud thuds and the sound of shouting as police broke down the front door and smashed the front window of 28 Averill Street.

"There were police with flak-jackets and machine-guns outside. I would estimate that 30 or more officers were



Police on guard yesterday outside the storage unit in Hornsey, north London, where a large part of the terrorist cache was discovered

brain but is a bit scatty sometimes," the manager said. "He is a hard worker but his timekeeping can sometimes be poor."

"If he had come in today, I would have given him a verbal warning about his timekeeping. I would not have sacked him though. I'll stick my neck out for him because he's a vulnerable and gullible young man."

"Most of his friends are from the London-Irish community. He is not political,

though; he is the naive type, not aggressive and really rather nondescript."

The manager said he believed that the man's sister lived upstairs at 28 Averill Road. "He has been doing up the house himself. He has replaced all the floorboards and has been asking me what colour to paint his bedroom."

Workmates also expressed surprise about the raid on the house in Averill Street. One, who would not be named, said: "He is a regular guy, a

really nice bloke. He's not interested in politics at all, this is all a big mistake."

Last night the house was shrouded in plastic sheeting and under police guard. Officers told neighbours returning from work not to discuss the raid. Four large black plastic bags containing items from the house were removed by police officers last night.

The electoral role lists only one full-time occupant of the Premier West Hotel in

Glenthorne Road. Neighbours said the hotel was popular with DSS residents and Irish workers. Hammersmith has a large Irish community. Latest records show 9 per cent of the population of the borough, almost 13,000 people, is Irish.

Yesterday evening The Lodge guesthouse was sealed off as forensic officers carried out checks. According to residents, The Lodge was bought a month ago by the owner of the Premier West Hotel and was being renovated. It has a

basement and three other floors containing about ten rooms.

In the early hours of the morning South Yorkshire police raided industrial premises and a house on the outskirts of Sheffield. Tim Hollis, an assistant chief constable, said that the raids had been planned the previous night after an investigation lasting weeks and involving several agencies.

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## Warehouse allowed access at night to unvetted clients

BY MICHAEL HORNSEY

IT WAS in early August that anti-terrorist squad officers began their watch on unit four of the self-service storage warehouse in north London where a large part of the IRA explosives cache was discovered during a dawn swoop yesterday.

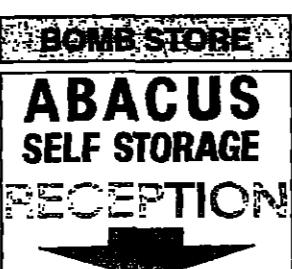
The terrorist gang had rented a secure steel room, a quarter the size of a tennis court, at the Abacus Self Storage depot on Cranford Way industrial estate in Hornsey between four and five months ago.

They spoke with English accents and claimed to be from a transport company. Members of the gang provided identities to satisfy company security but were not asked for references.

They always paid their rent on time and had a 24-hour access arrangement which allowed them to use the premises when they wanted — which proved to be mainly at night.

Video cameras recorded the comings and goings of all clients, and police are believed to be examining evidence left by the gang. A "red-care" system is also in place at the premises detecting movement at night, linked to a local police station.

The company provided them with a coded card to allow them in to the alarmed unit. It retained a customer identity card on which the



men nominated whom they wished to have access to the site.

Yesterday, after the raid, uniformed police sealed off the warehouse while detectives combed the 100,000 sq ft warehouse.

Armed officers surrounded the modern unit as containers on pallets were isolated and their contents ferried out to police lorries behind 12ft plastic screens.

Abacus provides personal self-service accommodation for businesses and individuals without special security vetting, although the company is now considering introducing references as a requirement.

Robin Greenwood, group sales manager, told *The Times*: "People rent space and have their own access, coming and going as they please. They bring in their own stock, and once it's in they have free and unlimited access. We try to keep an eye on what people put in to their individual rooms but you can't always see what goes in. We shall be

looking at ways in which to tighten the security," he added.

Other customers expressed shock that their own storage facilities at the modern complex should have been lodged next to an IRA cache. The manager of Bozler Jeans, one of the units closest to that used by the cell, said: "It's frightening to be so close to it and to find out all this was going on under our noses all the time."

Another leaseholder said he believed the terrorists had registered their company as a fertiliser business, but he said the people who used the unit were not Irish.

He said: "The stereotype of all these bombs being made by Irishmen is wearing rather thin. I've been suspicious of that unit for some time, but not any particular people and not to the degree that I would call the police. It's a big unit sub-divided into lots of bits, all with 24-hour access, so anyone can come and go at any time of the day or night."

"They seemed to be the only ones who came here at night. They didn't come during the day which is when most people come. There were all sorts of comings and goings."

The leasehold on the Hornsey premises, one of nine belonging to Abacus in London, Birmingham, Paris and Nice, was bought for £1.25 million in 1991 from British Rail by Caledonia Investments plc. It lies at the rear of Hornsey Station.

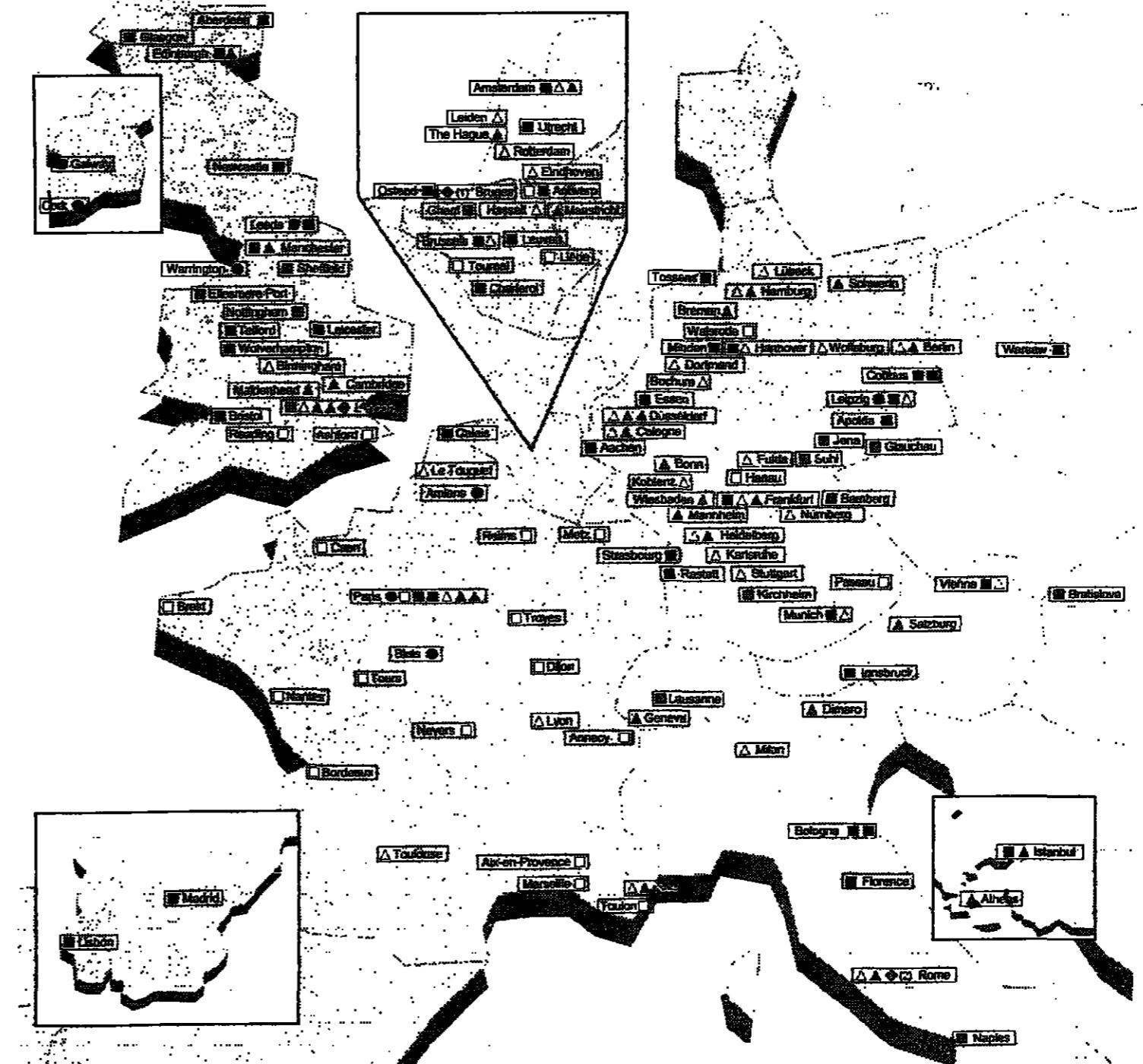


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## Literary Endeavour successfully cracks the Morse code

By ROBIN YOUNG

The last of the Inspector Morse mysteries was unravelled yesterday in a London bookshop. The atmosphere was Electric with a capital E — because that initial was all that was previously known about Inspector Morse's most personal secret, his Christian name.

And yesterday morning was to be Morse's Exit, because his creator, the thriller writer Colin Dexter, had sworn that his thirteenth Morse book, published yesterday, would be the last.

And for the Envoy Dexter had promised that the elusive Epiphany would be exposed at the end of this concluding work. He was there in person to see it done.

As with all good cliffhangers, the denouement was delayed. John Thaw, who has played Morse in the television series, was held up in traffic. Ergo yet more suspense. The publishers, Macmillan, won consent from the gathered fans that the Enigma should remain until Mr Thaw was there to see the Event.

Each one of the words speaks with a capital E in this report (and that includes Everyone) had been suggested as possibilities for the Inspector's missing handle, along with

more common favourites such as Ernest (the bookies' favourite), Eric, Edward, Enoch, Ethelred, Elias, Elijah, Emmanuel and Eros.

Maurice Early, 63, Dexter's most voracious reader, had travelled from Brighton to hear the solution. His own investigations had suggested two intriguing possibilities. His first idea was that Morse might have a palindromic name: Esrom. That would mean Morse shared his first name with a subtle Danish cheese. Mr Early's second

suggestion was Erno. "It is a phrase that keeps recurring in the books," Mr Early explained. "Er ... no. Also Dexter's own first name is Norman, so on the electoral register he would appear as Dexter, Norman and that contains Erno." That name is shared by Rubik, inventor of the almost insoluble cube, and Goldfinger, the archetypal villain.

In the end, Mr Early admitted, he preferred the solution advanced by John Grant, former crossword editor of the final book, unavailable to Mr Early and other members of the public.

**T**he clues, he said, were that Morse's girlfriend remarked on the Inspector's being "lumbered" with a strange name, that his parents had "kept on at him all the time about trying as hard as he could in life", that his mother was a Quaker, and that his father's greatest hero was Captain Cook, whose ship was the *Endeavour*.

In the end Mr Dexter's revelation wholly lacked the element of surprise that should have been essential, because Mr Grant's solution, published in *The Sunday Times* eight days before, proved correct.

Mr Early's only consolation was that he had spotted a mention of Captain Cook at the bottom of page 196 of *The Daughters of Cain*.

"It's a perfect name for Morse," John Thaw said loyally. "Sergeant Lewis would never have worked it out," offered Kevin Whately, who plays that character. Dexter said he had kept Morse's first name in mind since revealing

*The Times*, who had deduced from the final pages of a proof copy of the last book *Death is Now My Neighbour* (with the Inspector's first name omitted) that the absent appellation was *Endeavour*.

Mr Grant, who had travelled in from Bromley, southeast London, confident that his suspicions would be confirmed, said he had not read any Morse books before or paid much attention to the television shows. He had found his four conclusive clues in the last three pages of the final book, unavailable to Mr Early and other members of the public.



John Thaw, left, Colin Dexter, centre, and Kevin Whately after the disclosure of Morse's name yesterday

Grant said. But had he put money on his hunch? He had not. A pity. But then no-one can have Everything.

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## Chemist jailed for converting cocaine into crack

By A STAFF REPORTER

A RESEARCH chemist who helped in the fight against HIV was jailed for ten years yesterday after he cleared up a batch of contaminated cocaine and turned it into crack worth more than £84,000.

Malcolm Banks, who held a post at Edinburgh University, used his expertise to convert a worthless batch of spoil cocaine after being approached by a friend from university. Robert Williams, who had boasted to drug dealers that he could make the cocaine fit for sale. Williams, 41, was jailed for ten years along with Banks, 39, by the High Court in Edinburgh.

Temporary Judge Robin McEwan, QC, noted that neither had previous convictions and that each was "a person of education" and in Banks's case "a man of eminence in his field". But the judge said that he must take a most serious view of the case and that severe sentences would be passed.

Banks admitted producing a class A drug, cocaine, at his home in Edinburgh between February 27 and 29 this year and producing a type of Ecstasy at the house between November 29 last year and February 29. Williams, of

Bromley, southeast London, admitted being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Advocate Depute Gerard Moynihan, for the prosecution, said that more than half a kilo of dangerous "freebase" cocaine, worth up to three times the amount of ordinary cocaine, was found in a car in which Williams left. Banks's address on February 29. If the drug had got to the streets it could have been worth up to £84,450. Police raided the house and found 6.7 grammes of the crack cocaine, chemicals and laboratory apparatus needed to produce it.

"Dr Banks has applied his knowledge and skill as a chemist to the commercial production of freebase cocaine for the English market," Mr Moynihan said. Williams had taken contaminated cocaine hydrochloride from England to Edinburgh and was returning south when he was caught. When police raided Williams's home they found 1.66 grammes of cocaine hydrochloride worth more than £80,000.

For Banks, John McInnes said that his client had made important contributions to his field of study that had benefited both industry and medicine, including the fight against HIV.

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# Clergy given checklist to avoid temptation

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CLERGY and bishops who believe that ordination renders them immune to sexual temptation have been issued with a new code of conduct by the Church of England.

The Code of Ministerial Practice, called *The Greatness of the Trust*, is a checklist of good behaviour drawn up by a Diocese of Oxford working party. It advises clergy not to drink or take drugs on duty and says that pastoral guidance and counselling can too easily cross the boundaries from a professional to a personal relationship. "One touch can lead to another."

In their pastoral duties, priests are urged to think carefully about their "body

posture" and the appropriate use of first names and terms of endearment. They are also told to pay attention to the atmosphere of venues used to meet parishioners including details such as the arrangement of furniture and lighting, although there is no guidance on what a suitable room decor would be.

Situations to be avoided include late-night visits alone at someone's home or in the minister's home, and spending time with children away from other people. The initiative, which is concerned chiefly with targeting "sexual abuse" of adults by clergy, was taken after a year-long study by the diocese, which also

publishes the guide. The report, commissioned by the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, says: "Pastoral relationships from time to time run into difficulties with emotional overinvolvement leading to abuse of various kinds, including the development of a sexual relationship."

It adds: "These who suppose that ordination or authorisation to recognised ministries somehow conveys immunity from temptation are mistaken. In recent years there has been a growing awareness of cases of sexual abuse, by clergy and other authorised ministers, of people in their pastoral care."

Ministers, male and female, are also given a list of danger signs that a relationship is becoming too intense, including sweaty palms and an increased pulse rate before counselling sessions, and extending the time allocated for that particular person.

The guidelines identify various types of abuse including physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and sexual, and says any can occur in a pastoral context. It says that if a clergyman becomes emotionally involved with someone of the opposite sex, the relationship can easily cross the boundaries into sexual abuse.

Everyone with pastoral responsibilities, "even bishops and other church dignitaries", is vulnerable, it says. All Christians are capable of ignoring God's warnings, the report says, and some "even believe it is God's will that they should do so", harbouring a "delusion that this particular relationship is different and somehow blessed by Him".

The guidelines will be used by ordained and lay ministers in the Oxford diocese although Bishop Harries has said it will be recommended for wider use if it proves successful.

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Two of the women who had sent letters were allegedly Joanna Whibley, the mother of the bishop's 15-year-old son, and Kathleen MacPhee, the divorcee with whom he has run away. But the Church took no action after accepting the bishop's protests that the claims were scurrilous.

Miss McKinney, 67, became his housekeeper a week after he had been ordained Bishop of Argyll and the Isles in 1991, and worked for him for 18 months. She said that within four months she had

found notes and love letters around the house from four women, two of whom she refused to name. Later she found more letters.

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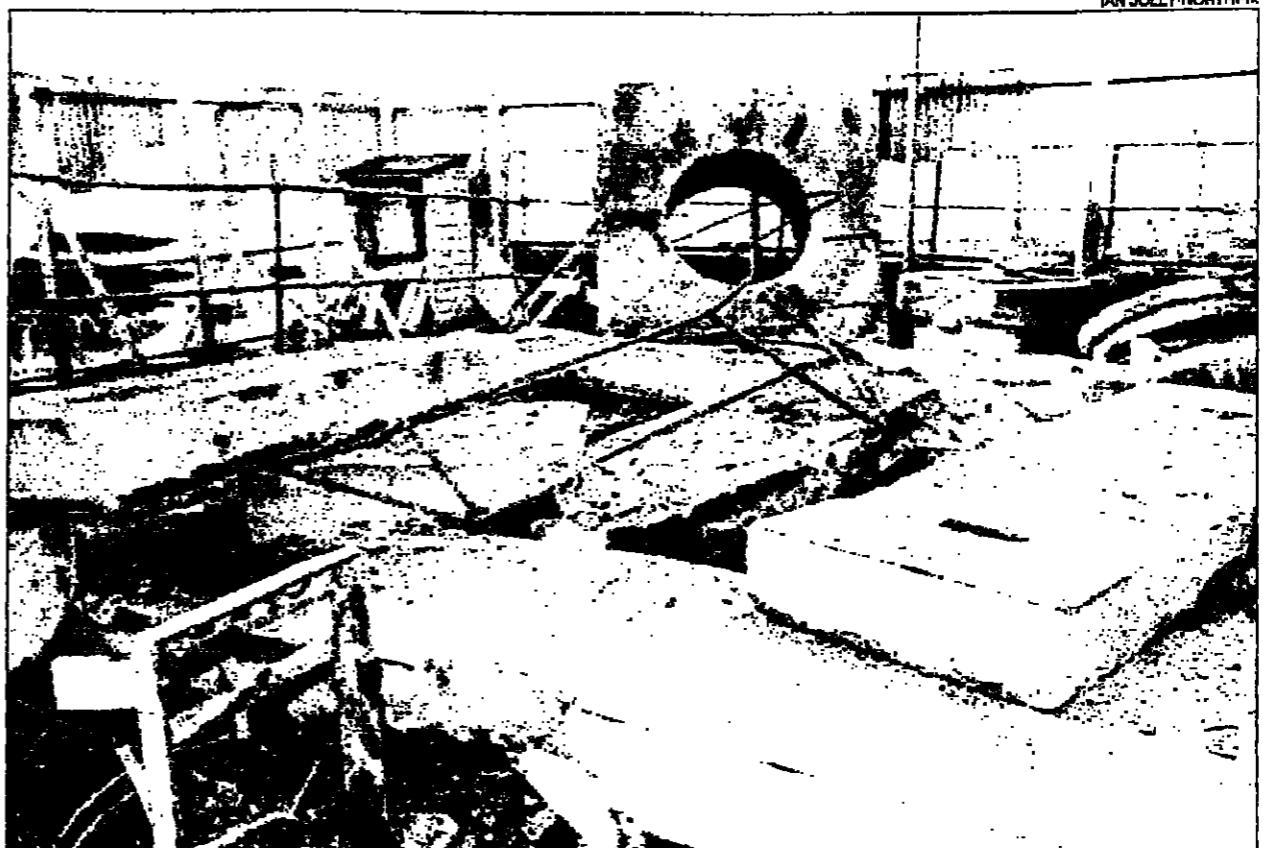
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Newly released photographs show how concrete was reduced to rubble as radioactive material was scattered

## Secret pictures reveal nuclear plant blast damage after 20 years

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE devastating effects of a blast at the Dounreay nuclear plant nearly 20 years ago became clear yesterday with the release of the first pictures of the scene.

The photographs, unveiled by the UK Atomic Energy Authority, show the damage caused by an explosion in the plant's high-active waste shaft in 1977.

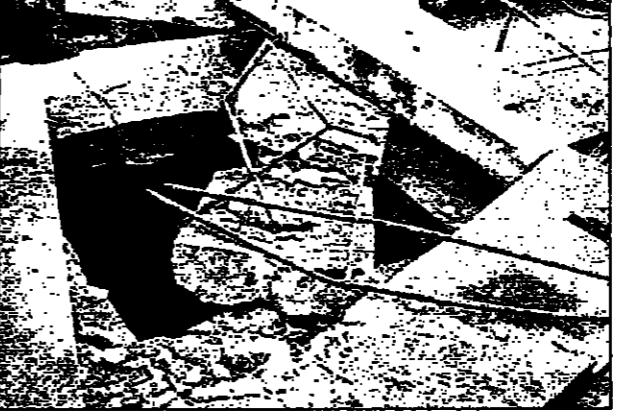
Radioactive materials were scattered over a large area of the site and a concrete plug weighing several tons was thrown 200 yards in the air from the top of the shaft.

Full details of the accident became public only last year following years of secrecy. A report by the Government's nuclear waste authority recently highlighted the shaft's unstable condition.

It was originally designed in the 1950s as an access tunnel for construction workers building a waste pipe at the Scottish nuclear facility. After

the building work was finished the bottom of the shaft was sealed and the hole was used to dump dangerous materials from the reactor. Between 1959 and 1974 no proper record of what was thrown in was kept.

The 215ft deep shaft is drilled into a crumpling cliff



Twisted metal displays the strength of the explosion

exhibition organised by the UKAEA, which operates Dounreay. The display at Thurso Town Hall will run until Saturday.

Managers at the Caithness nuclear plant hope that the local population will be reassured about the safety of the dump after recent revelations about the shaft. However, Lorraine Mann, of Scotland Against Nuclear Dumping, said that the exhibition was purely a damage-limitation exercise, which it had been forced to hold by the glare of media attention on the "extremely dangerous and shoddy practices" that had been used at Dounreay.

She said: "Nobody is going to be convinced by this. The fact remains that the shaft is very dangerous and they cannot hide that. Their own consultants say that there is a risk of another explosion and the effects of the last one are still with us today."

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## Investigative psychology conference

## Cracker shown the door by solve-it-yourself police

REPORTS BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE days of the real-life Crackers are numbered, academics and senior police officers were told yesterday. Police forces are fast developing their own versions of the criminal psychologists called in from the groves of academe to solve the most brutal and complex crimes.

The "scientists practitioners" are fully conversant with the latest computer technology and academic theories. David Canter told the fourth International Investigative Psychology Conference in Liverpool. Professor Canter, who heads the Investigative Psychology Unit at the city's university, said the science of "profilin'" murderers and serial rapists was now being used as a tool in everyday police work, including crime prevention.

Professor Canter said the days of Fitz, the popular television character portrayed by Robbie Coltrane in the Granada TV series *Cracker*, were coming to an end. "The hit-and-run expert who sniffs around the murder scene in order to decide how the killer got on with his mother and what type of kinky sex he enjoyed is fading from real-life police investigations just as television viewers are also getting bored with these unlikely characters."

"Detectives are answering the question, 'At what stage in an inquiry do you bring in a psychologist?' with the 're-

Robbie Coltrane as Fitz, lead character of *Cracker*

sponse, 'Before the crime is committed'. They are making psychology part of their way of thinking, not an add-on for specially difficult cases,'" Professor Canter said.

There were now five British forces with their own investigative psychology units

## Typical sex killers are tall, short or adopted

THE typical sex killer is likely to be an adopted child, very tall or very short with a very high or very low IQ, the conference was told. He is also too vain to wear spectacles.

If not adopted, he is the first or last child of several, suggesting that he was not planned and this was communicated in some way to him by the parents, Chris Missen of the Liverpool University Investigative Psychology Unit said.

Mr Missen said his study of the characteristics of 405 serial sexual murderers in America showed up startling similarities which posed questions that could be answered only by their shared backgrounds.

In few cases was lust or sexual satisfaction the prime motive. Serious sexual assaults were "anti-sex" he said. The motives were much more to do with rage, control and possession.

Mr Missen said that one day such statistical analyses would arm an investigator with enough detailed scientific knowledge to find his target, but acknowledged: "There is still a factor X, but I don't know what it is."

Gabrielle Salfati, of Liverpool University, suggested that the how, when and where a murder is committed gives strong clues to the murderer's criminal history, age and family background.

## Natural selection gives six distinct types of burglar

BIRDS of a criminal feather do not flock together when professional burglary gangs are formed, the conference was told yesterday.

Individual members of different teams are subject to a sophisticated selection process according to the role they are required to perform, their expertise and previous convictions.

An examination of the behaviour and characteristics of 70 criminals between the ages of 16 and 52 involved in the offence of ram-raiding revealed that each member of the group had highly defined and separate skills.

Angela Wilson, a detective inspector with Thames Valley Police, who carried out the study, discovered high levels of consistency between the gangs, their make-up and the criminal history of their members.

Gangs could be split up into six separate members: a leader who made the important decisions, the driver of the ramming vehicle, the "heavy" prepared to use violence, the apprentice to the leader, the extra who stole vehicles and performed other tasks in advance of the job, and the handler of the stolen property.

Ms Wilson analysed statistics and information about their previous convictions. Six previous offence themes were identified: high dishonesty; low dishonesty; high dishonesty/vio-lence; high dishonesty/antisocial behaviour; low dishonesty/violence and low dishonesty/antisocial behaviour.

Individuals who performed the same role were shown to share the same kinds of previous convictions. The leaders fell into a category that combined high dishonesty with violence.

"They are particularly experienced and had been through the gamut of offences," Ms Wilson said.

Likewise, the "heavies" came into the low dishonesty and high violence bracket, the majority with offences for actual and grievous bodily harm. Handlers fell into the low dishonesty and anti-social bracket.

Drivers ranged across the spectrum. Their previous convictions were almost always offences such as car theft or driving without insurance.

Ms Wilson said that each of the teams was made up of very different individuals and their roles were respected by their colleagues. Few expected to swap their roles.

Ms Wilson said: "The consistency of these ram-raiding teams is not a matter of chance. Rather the make-up is planned so individuals with certain expertise and previous conviction history are selected for their appropriate roles to maximise the chances of success."

detective, expert in investigative psychology and the latest information technology, was appearing. These scientific practitioners could help to create training programmes and operational systems to aid day-to-day crime detection. "It seems to me a very healthy development," said Professor Canter, who helped police in the Yorkshire Ripper case and the James Bulger murder on Merseyside.

He added: "There is a growing confidence among police officers in their ability to utilise this new discipline. As Merseyside Police are showing, together with many other forces, it is not enough to let academic psychologists carry out their studies and then to take the result if it looks interesting.

"It is essential to be part of the process of formulating the objectives of the research and to be directly involved in facilitating it. As an academic who, in the end has to collect the data and analyse it, this is a development that I strongly welcome."

Superintendent John Mawer, who heads the Merseyside intelligence unit, looked forward to a day when investigative psychology developed to such an extent that it could pinpoint potential criminals, especially serial killers, and prevent crimes before they happened. Referring to the Dunblane massacre, he said: "What could have been done had we applied science at the right time?"

THE modern armed robber attacks banks and building societies in highly organised gangs of three members or more. The "blaggers" are split almost evenly between gangs with a specific leader and those with an egalitarian structure.

Karen McCluskey and Sarah Wardle, criminal intelligence analysts, spoke to 17 armed robbers convicted of at least three serious offences. Between them the criminals had carried out more than 300 armed robberies.

Each gang had planner, a driver and a violent member who was prepared to use a loaded weapon against anyone who stood in their way. Almost all had acted on inside information from someone who worked in the target establishment or had recently left. Many of the robbers were fanatic about the chances of imprisonment.

There were fundamental differences, however, in why each gang had been brought together, with ten out of 17 formed to commit one specific offence. Forty-one per cent of the gangs had a hierarchical structure while the rest were egalitarian.

Miss McCluskey said: "Preliminary evidence from the research suggests that there are distinct differences in the characteristics of the teams and the offenders within them."

## Lack of funding threatens to delay animal tests ban

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to phase out testing of cosmetics on animals are in jeopardy because of a shortage of funds to find alternative methods, the RSPCA said yesterday.

The animal protection charity said that the European Commission centre which is charged with approving alternative testing methods was underfunded and under-resourced.

In 1994, 3,520 tests involving animals, including their eyes and skin, were carried out in Britain. But under proposed European plans, mice, rats, rabbits, guinea-pigs and other laboratory animals will be replaced by computer models

In December the Commission will publish proposals for the first tests to be banned. But the charity claims that, to date, only a handful of alternative tests are close to being approved, putting in jeopardy the entire phase-out scheme.

The public is being urged to write to Trade and Industry Ministers demanding swifter action before the end of the year. "The use of animals in cosmetics testing could become a thing of the past but only if efforts to find alternatives are accelerated dramatically."

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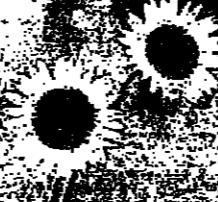
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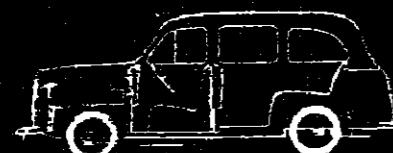
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# Trusts reject nurses' appeal for end to local pay awards

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

NHS managers clashed yesterday with nurses' leaders over the future of pay bargaining as it emerged that more than nine out of ten health service trusts have still not agreed a salary award for nurses for the current year.

The employers called yesterday for an end to national pay bargaining and said that hospitals must be given the freedom to negotiate wages locally. The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said the existing system, in which a national rise is set by the nurses' pay review body with an additional amount negotiated by each trust, was "the worst of all worlds". It said that the nurses' pay review body should be abolished.

Unions rejected the demand and said that NHS trusts could not be relied upon to deliver reasonable pay awards to nurses. In evidence submitted yesterday to the pay review body, it said that a strong national recommendation on pay was essential to ensure nurses were properly rewarded.

The unions said that they were looking for parity with comparable occupations. The lowest-paid registered nurse is said to receive 14 to 23 per cent less than social workers, teachers or policemen at a comparable level.

The association, which submitted joint evidence to the

review body with the NHS Trust Federation, said that in the two years since local pay had been introduced, trusts had been given little scope to negotiate locally because the major part of the rise was set nationally by the review body.

Trusts were given a 2.75 per cent budget increase to fund pay awards this year. The national rise of 2 per cent, set in April, left them little room for manoeuvre. To date, 411 of the 485 trusts that employ nurses have made offers but only 33 have reached a settlement, the association said.

The unions said that more than 33 per cent of NHS trusts had still failed to make any local pay offer compared with 98 per cent that had made offers at the same time last year. They are angry that doctors, whose pay is still

determined nationally, received up to 6.8 per cent this year, leaving less available locally for nurses.

Philip Hunt, the association's director, said the nursing unions' demand for a national pay rise would take the NHS "back to the dinosaur age". He blamed the low number of pay settlements this year on union leaders' failure to negotiate. "What we need are pay awards that hospitals and trusts can afford and that give us more flexibility to improve quality of services," Mr Hunt said.

"Most trusts have made offers but it takes two to tango. Many staff representatives under pressure from their national officers will not sit round the table with local managers to negotiate. We need a clear decision to go for local pay, removing impediments such as the review bodies and bringing terms and conditions into the equation."

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said that about two thirds of the local pay offers had been for increases of less than 1 per cent.

Earlier this month Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said that NHS trusts should have maximum discretion to determine pay. But Ms Hancock said that local bargaining had led to staff shortages and low morale.

Hunt blamed unions for lack of settlements



Donald Spear and his wife Juliette, who said that they are "just getting on with the situation in hand"

## CJD sufferer faces premature death with a sense of humour

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Donald Spear first invited *The Times* into his home to talk about living with the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease, he filled the room with wisecracks, laughter and adventure stories about his life as a motorcycle courier. A year later, his wife Juliette does most of the talking as she cheerfully describes his existence. He cannot walk and has almost lost the power of speech.

Mr Spear, 33, did not think that he would live to learn the outcome of the High Court battle on behalf of himself and 18 others who contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from contaminated human growth hormone. Sixteen of those prescribed the hormone as youngsters so that they would reach normal height are already dead. In the summer, a judge ruled that the Department of Health

was to blame for cases after July 1977, because by then there were warning signals that the treatment, given to 1,900 children between 1959 and 1985, was risky.

Mr Spear grew to 5ft 8in instead of 4ft 8in. Whether his family receives compensation will depend on when treatment was deemed to have started. He began receiving injections in 1977 but was referred to specialists before the key date. The case returns to the High Court at the end of the month and a final hearing is expected next year.

Mr Spear's positive and mocking attitude towards premature death has astonished experienced doctors. He asked a friend to tattoo his arm, "Immortal so far". If somebody solemnly wished him good luck, he would chuckle "I'll need it".

CJD robs a victim of his

powers one by one. A year ago Mr Spear would insist on making coffee for a visitor, willing his hands to stop trembling. He continued walking, sometimes helped by a stick, until he fell in the kitchen in February on his way to the refrigerator to get an ice-cream. He broke his leg, spent eight weeks in bed, and has been immobile since.

Nurses, doctors and therapists begin to arrive at the small flat in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, that Mr Spear shared with his girlfriend for five years before they married in 1995, knowing he had a terminal illness. He is visited by Harash Narang, the scientist who believes he has found a way to diagnose CJD before death, although most experts believe it can be confirmed only by examining the remains of the brain.

The specialists have suffered their share of good-natured teasing from Mr Spear, who made jokes about being visited by so many women, but the couple's gratitude for their physical and emotional support is immeasurable. The front room is filled with his surgical bed, a hoist, a special armchair, fans and the rest of the paraphernalia needed to fulfil his desire to stay at home instead of retreating to hospital.

Mrs Spear, 36, who gave up her job in sales to care for her husband, says that in her husband's case CJD has involved a pattern of stabilisation followed by another deterioration. "It is like levels," she says, her hand making downward steps in the air. "If someone had said this to me a couple of years ago I would have been horrified, but you just get on with the situation in hand."

The specialists have suf-

## Student dies after blood ban

A YOUNG Jehovah's Witness died after her family refused to let her have a blood transfusion after a skating accident. An inquest was told yesterday.

A doctor said he had pleaded with the woman's family to permit a transfusion, which would have given her a 90 per cent chance of survival.

Emilia Grootjes, 19, broke both legs after she lost control of her inline skates on a hill in July. Miss Grootjes, a Dutch student, had been on holiday at Lockley Park caravan park in Hamworthy, Dorset, with her parents. She was taken to

Poole General Hospital where she died five days later in intensive care.

The inquest at Bournemouth was told that Miss Grootjes died after fat and marrow from her shattered bones entered her bloodstream, and then congested her lungs.

Dr Barry Newman, head of the intensive care unit, said: "If she had received all the therapies we could give, then I would have given her chances as 90 per cent. Her parents had signed a form saying that she would not take blood or

blood products." Miss Grootjes's father, Cornelius, of Schagen in northern Holland, said: "We accept other treatment but not blood or blood products."

Nigel Neville-Jones, the East Dorset Coroner, said that a post-mortem examination had given the cause of death as fat embolism syndrome. He recorded a verdict that Miss Grootjes died as the result of an accident, "the consequences of which were contributed by the refusal of blood transfusions on religious grounds".

The Department of Health

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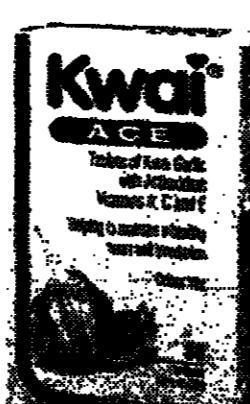
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## Liquid breathes life into premature babies

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

A LONDON hospital hopes to save the lives of premature babies by filling their lungs with a liquid that helps them to breathe.

The technique, called liquid ventilation, has been used successfully in America. The liquid is a combination of carbon and fluorine into which a large amount of oxygen is dissolved.

Professor Anne Greenough of King's College Hospital in southeast London plans to launch a trial of the technique in the new year using a chemical manufactured by a subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels. The therapy will be used on babies born at less than 30 weeks' gestation who often suffer from breathing difficulties. The liquid will be trickled into their lungs and combined with conventional oxygen ventilation in an incubator.

"Most of the treatment will be the same but we will be adding the fluid because we think it will be kinder to the babies' lungs," Professor Greenough said. "There is no need to drain the liquid as it simply evaporates."

The hope is that more premature babies will survive and that all those treated will be less likely to suffer from chronic lung disease, which affects half of all babies born before 30 weeks.

The liquid, made by BNFL Fluorochemicals Ltd, is a distant spin-off from nuclear technology. Called perfluorocarbon, it has a molecule made up of ten carbon and 18 fluorine atoms. Dr Gerry May, the company's commercial manager, said: "Because it has a close affinity to oxygen, premature babies with under-developed lungs can breathe it like air until their lungs are fully developed. It is like an extension of the womb."

So far, Professor Greenough has clearance to use it only as a rescue therapy in very sick children. She has treated one baby but was unable to save its life. "I have applied for funding for a full-controlled trial that could start early next year," she said.

## Family of kidnap victim appeals for news

By JOANNA BALE

THE family of a British explosives expert kidnapped in Cambodia six months ago appealed for information yesterday. Christopher Howes, 36, of the Mines Advisory Group, and his interpreter were abducted by armed men in the northwest province of Siem Reap on March 26.

Mr Howes' parents said in letter

published in a Cambodian newspaper that the family was suffering "great distress" because of the lack of information about his fate. His mother, Betty, "particularly appeals to other mothers and indeed all women who may be able to help", the letter said.

The *Bangkok Post* reported in August that an officer of the Khmer Rouge had said that Mr Howes had been executed in

the guerrillas' stronghold of Anlong Veng. His interpreter, Houn Hourth, was said to have died of malaria in July. Khmer Rouge radio later denied that the guerrilla group had killed Mr Howes.

Mr Howes, from Bristol, had been helping to clear millions of mines left after more than 20 years of war between the Cambodian Government and Khmer Rouge.

## Head tells 'selfish' runaway schoolboy a few home truths

By PETER FOSTER

THE teenager with an insatiable wanderlust, who sets off globetrotting without warning was condemned by his headmaster yesterday as irresponsible and selfish.

Peter Kerry, 15, was picked up by German police in Frankfurt on Sunday as he cycled down an autobahn on his way to Budapest. Eighteen months ago he found his way to Malaysia using his father's passport and credit cards.

Ten days ago he had disappeared from his home in Harrow, north London, on his bicycle with a change of clothes and some savings to try to get to Budapest before the weather closed in.

Early yesterday morning the boy, looking sheepish, was taken back to his school in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, only to be sent home again for a few days to sort his future with his family.

Graham Hill, headmaster of Dr Chalton's Grammar school, said the pupil had not been suspended and would be returning later in the week. "We are pleased that Peter has returned safe and well," he said. "We do not, however, condone his irresponsible and selfish behaviour in any way. He has caused his family untold anxiety and wasted the time and resources of the police, social workers and teachers."

Peter's parents, Pat and John Kerry, said yesterday that they would do everything in their "limited powers" to stop their son running away again. After his previous disappearance they told how they sent him on foreign trips

to Spain, France and Poland to try to cure him of his travel bug, without success. Further trips to Amsterdam and Germany had been planned.

Mrs Kerry said she had spent a worrying week waiting for her son's return: "I didn't have any concrete evidence that he had gone of his own will or whether anything terrible had happened to him. When I didn't get any news and he didn't phone I began to suspect the worst."

Asked if Peter appreciated the anxiety his parents felt Mr Kerry said: "I don't know that he thinks that way. It was like a bombshell when he disappeared. There's no logical explanation other than he wants to see the world. We need to talk about the future. We've lots to sort out."

After Peter was picked up in Germany, he told his mother he would travel back alone but, to be on the safe side, she asked police to escort him to the airport.

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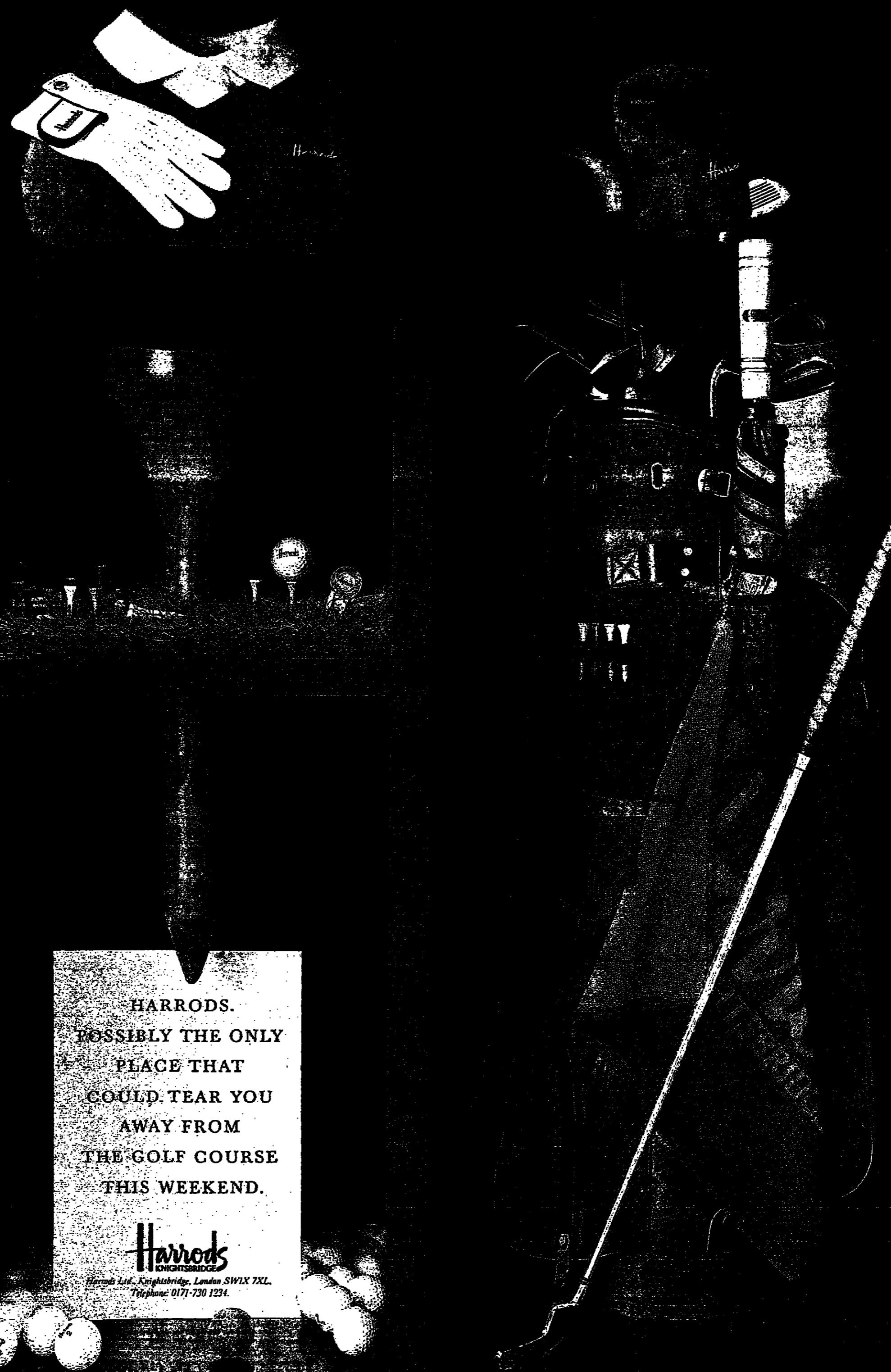
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Golf accessories by Harrods, clockwise from top right: Set of three headcases, £29.95. Golf bag, £79.95. Golf towel, £7.50. Golf umbrella, £29.95. Solid gold putter, £9,995. Golf balls, single, £1.50. Box of 12 balls, £19.95. Golf tees available in 12 different colours, 10 for £1. Box of 50 tees, £4.95. Gold coloured marker, part of gift sets ranging from £9.95 to £24.95. Men's long sleeve v-neck sweater, £59.95. Men's short sleeve polo shirt, £24.95.

Row on single currency intensifies

## Tory Right urges Major to sacrifice his Chancellor

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

RELATIONS between Kenneth Clarke and John Major were under strain yesterday as right-wing pressure for the Chancellor's dismissal intensified.

The Prime Minister was reported by confidants to be exasperated by Mr Clarke's departure from the agreed Cabinet line on the European single currency. He was felt to have abused his near-unassailable position in the Government and to have breached an agreement which the Cabinet Euro-sceptics have observed, in spite of their desire to go further and rule out a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament.

David Heathcoat-Amory, the former Treasury Minister who resigned in July to campaign against the single currency, was among a growing list of right-wing MPs who suggested that Mr Major could now afford to sacrifice Mr Clarke in the interests of pushing through a change of policy. His view is not supported by most senior strategists in Downing Street or Conservative Central Office. They believe that if Mr Clarke left the Government, other pro-European ministers would follow him into exile and the split would ruin any chances of a Tory recovery. An influential party figure said yesterday: "It would not just be Clarke. There would be five or six others."

Mr Clarke's statement that it would be "pathetic" if Britain sidelined itself from the first wave of single currency members and then joined later was seen by ministers as a clear breach of the painstakingly agreed compromise that all options would be left open, and that a referendum would follow any Cabinet decision to join. By going beyond that and effectively ruling out the option of Britain watching the new system and perhaps joining later, Mr Clarke has stretched the patience of his Cabinet colleagues to the limit.

Brian Mawhinney, the par-



Clarke: departed from the agreed Cabinet line

come under the most intense pressure between now and the election to rule out a single currency. However, his performance during the next few months is viewed as vital to the Conservatives' election hopes and for that reason he is seen as safe.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory and other sceptics disagree. He said the Chancellor was not indispensable. "No one minister is essential for the Government's survival, particularly when their departure would release a policy blockage and allow us to advance a policy change that would be very popular in the country."

Mr Heathcoat-Amory, who

is chairman, was angry that his careful attempts to create a pre-conference truce on Europe — last week he held private talks with John Redwood and the week before with Baroness Thatcher — had been scuppered. Sources close to Mr Major said he was irritated. One said: "His feeling is that a lot of people are working hard to make the conference a success and ten seconds from Ken gets in the way of all of that. It is a case of 'here we go again'."

Senior party strategists fear that Mr Clarke may be pushing Mr Major to the limit because he fears that he will

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This week has republished a pamphlet attacking the intellectual arguments for a common currency, said that the Tory elder statesmen had missed the point last week when they issued an appeal for Britain to take a strong lead in Europe. He said: "At the moment we do not have any leadership in this country on this important policy issue. It is an abdication of responsibility for the Government to say it will not say what the policy will be until after the general election. It is not surprising that people are tempted to vote for the Referendum Party."

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## Radio 1 playlist protest rocks around the block

By VALERIE ELLIOTT  
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AN OVERHAUL of employment law to prevent new recruits to small firms from making unfair dismissal claims was proposed by the Government yesterday. The scheme was part of a package of suggestions from the "de-regulation task force".

Ministers want to hear wide reaction to the exemption idea, which Mr Maude said would encourage one and two-man firms to hire more staff. The scheme was denounced

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## Labour's 'definite maybe' arouses MacLennan's suspicion

A new, and so far largely unappreciated, division has appeared in the ranks of the constitutional reformers – between pragmatists and enthusiasts. Tony Blair and Liberal Democrats such as Menzies Campbell are in the first group, while Robin Cook and Robert MacLennan, the Liberal Democrat president, are in the second. Both accept the need to reform the way Britain is governed. Their difference is over the pace of change.

Some Tories believe that constitutional reform is the issue on which a Blair government could founder and which offers the Tories

the hope of reuniting in opposition and returning to office quickly. They argue that the reformers' plans are inherently flawed and will clog up the legislative programme. Arguments over the House of Lords and devolution will inevitably be prolonged just as they were in the late 1960s and late 1970s. Under existing parliamentary conventions, the detailed committee debates on such measures are on the floor of the Commons. Labour has proposed legislation on devolution for London and the English regions as well as Scotland and Wales, a freedom of information act, incorporation of the Euro-

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pean Convention on Human Rights into British law, plus House of Lords reform, so constitutional measures could take up much of Parliament's time.

The pragmatists are worried about such indigence. They fear that the momentum for change could be lost and that supporters of any reforming government would want to see a lengthy economic and social agenda implemented.

To avoid these dangers, Mr Blair believes constitutional reform

needs to be rescued from the enthusiasts. That is the real reason why three months ago he proposed a two question pre-referendum on Scottish devolution. He has not watered down his support for devolution but he does not want any repetition of the endless debates of 20 years ago. His proposal for a two question pre-referendum is not intended to impede devolution but to make it easier to get the necessary legislation through the Commons if the Scottish people first vote for the principle and for such a parliament to have tax-raising powers. Of course, even this pre-referendum would require leg-

islation, but the main Bill might be easier to pass if public support had been demonstrated.

The pragmatists believe that other reforms should not be too time consuming. A deal with the Tories may be possible on removing the voting rights of hereditary peers by making the active ones life peers as an interim measure. The other Bills should be less controversial.

The enthusiasts are suspicious. Mr MacLennan yesterday described Labour's commitment as "a definite maybe". He believes that piecemeal reform is not enough and that a comprehensive settlement is required: devolution has

direct implications for reform of the Commons. Mr MacLennan has put forward a Constitutional Declaration to be debated today, setting out a timetable. This would start with an omnibus Reform Bill in 1997-98, providing for changes in the Commons and Lords and fixed terms for Parliament, reform of voting, devolution and a Bill of Rights. This would lead over seven years to a written constitution. To avoid a plethora of referendums, leading Liberal Democrats are discussing the idea of a Democracy Day when the public could vote on these plans and a single currency.

Achieving even part of this

programme would require big changes to Commons procedure if constitutional overload is to be avoided. Mr MacLennan recognises that, like some Labour enthusiasts, he believes that, as with finance Bills, only the key points of principle in constitutional Bills should be dealt with on the floor of the Commons with the rest being considered by a standing committee. That alone will prove to be highly contentious. I can already hear the warnings of the pragmatists: don't rush and, first, establish public support for change.

PETER RIDDELL

## Rodgers provokes anger with call for tactical voting

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



certainly say to the others of this country: vote to get rid of this Government; vote Liberal Democrat as a first preference but vote Labour if that is the best way of doing so."

He insisted that tactical voting would also benefit Liberal Democrats, increasing the party's total number of seats and leading to a government of the centre-left representing about 60 per cent of the electorate.

Earlier, in an interview with BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Mr Ashdown indicated that he was prepared to co-operate with Labour if he felt it would benefit the country. "I'm in politics to do things," he said. "If I wanted to be a Cabinet minister I probably wouldn't have been a Liberal Democrat. I'm a Liberal Democrat because there are things I believe in that I want to put into practice, that I think are good for our country."

"If working with others, because they've come to agree with us, delivers those things, and is good for Britain, then I'll do it."

However, Mr Ashdown's conciliatory tone was not matched by Donald Dewar, Labour's Chief Whip, who said that he did not expect to need the support of the Liberal Democratic Party, which he described as "an important pressure group".

The issue of cross-party co-operation threatened to dominate the opening day of the conference after Mr Ashdown said it was "possible" that his party would back a Labour government and Lord Rodgers made his comments. Lord Rodgers told a fringe meeting: "I have to say I hope there will be a significant amount of tactical voting in the country and, if you were not an active Liberal Democrat and staying one, I would

move towards his party."

Today Mr Ashdown will try to quell disquiet over potential links with Labour by telling activists to campaign on the clear differences between the two. In his conference speech, he will contrast the "consistency, clarity and distinctiveness" of Liberal Democrat policy with that of Labour.

However, he will concentrate his fire on Tory attempts to portray his party as un-

## Activists back commitment to Europe

BRITAIN must become a "candid friend" to her European partners and be a founder member of economic and monetary union, the Liberal Democrats said yesterday.

Charles Kennedy, the party's European spokesman, said that he wanted to see a decentralised Europe with

Britain playing a constructive, committed and central role. Malcolm Bruce, the Treasury spokesman, emphasised the need for a single European currency.

The party leadership is keen to push its pro-Europe credentials this week and ridicule Tory party disunity. The conference backed a call for a

commitment for Britain to be "at the heart of Europe".

But divisions in the party were already appearing yesterday with MPs showing their Euro-scepticism at fringe meetings. Nick Harvey, the trade and industry spokesman, said the British people had yet to be convinced about closer integration. He also

expressed concern at a European Central Bank having control over mortgage rates.

Mr Bruce contradicted him, saying: "The benefit we will gain from economic and monetary union is a great degree of stability, lower interest rates, lower inflation and access to the core policy-making union of the EU."

The party would like voters to play an active role in government decision-making, with ministers being forced to disclose more detail of spending and taxation plans. Voters would be able to put forward their views on specific tax and spending changes before a Budget, through postal questionnaires, a "telephone referendum" or a network of publicly accessible computers linked to the Treasury.

Taxpayers would also be sent annual statements setting out precise spending and taxation changes. The statements, similar to those on council tax spending, would set out the proportion of money spent by individual government departments and would clarify tax changes introduced in the previous Budget.

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Chubais: increasing his grip on Kremlin power

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DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

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**STABILITY** is the overwhelming Western interest in Russia. The fear in the West is that President Yeltsin's prolonged absence will fuel the Kremlin power struggle and, until an unchallenged successor emerges, it will be hard for Western leaders to do business with Moscow or predict Russian behaviour.

This worry, however, is tempered by two important factors — that those running the Government and the Kremlin in Mr Yeltsin's absence are closely associated with reform, and that there seems

little likelihood of a return to Communism. Since the Communists' defeat in June's elections, the party has rapidly lost credibility.

Western politicians recognise there is little they can do to avoid a power struggle or to influence the outcome. They are, therefore, careful not to make clear their preference for any possible Yeltsin successor. "Of course we are comfortable with Viktor Chernomyrdin; but he is not the only person who could ensure stability," one diplomat said yesterday. He noted

that Anatoli Chubais, the Kremlin chief of staff, was long one of the leading advocates of privatisation and economic reform, and was now increasing his grip on power.

Western analysts say the Russian economy and reform process now has enough momentum to continue without a strong Government. As long as President Yeltsin is nominally in control, sudden changes of policy — both domestic and foreign — are unlikely. If he were to die, however, there would have to be a presidential election within three

months, which might sharpen political disagreements.

The West's priority is to work out a new relationship between Russia and Nato, and to persuade Moscow to drop its opposition to Nato enlargement. This is likely to be difficult, whoever has the upper hand in the Kremlin. Russian politicians across the spectrum want the West to forge a new relationship with Moscow before Nato enlargement; Western leaders are trying to negotiate the two simultaneously.

A power vacuum would make two pressing internal issues harder to resolve — reforming the Russian tax system and the army. Both must be tackled soon: a virtual tax collection collapse has starved the Government of funds and left millions unpaid for months. The Chechen war has underlined the poor state of military morale, competence and training.

"Both these questions will preoccupy the Kremlin in the coming months," one analyst said. He saw the likely conflict between Mr Chubais, Mr Chernomyrdin and General Aleksandr Lebed as complicating decisions.

With such domestic preoccupations, Russia was unlikely to change its foreign policy, leaving a

predictable Russian line — largely laid down by President Yeltsin and Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister — on most international questions.

The West is relatively philosophical about the turmoil created by Mr Yeltsin's ill health. The main lesson Western leaders have drawn from Russia's upheavals over the past decade is that there is little the outside world can do to influence its political machinations.

The best approach is to make clear Western interests, articulate them frequently, and show the Kremlin they will be forcefully defended if challenged.

**Cardiac king who must be obeyed**

US SURGEON

FROM QUENTIN LETTS  
IN NEW YORK

**MICHAEL DEBAKEY**, the veteran heart surgeon who has travelled from Texas to Moscow to assist with the treatment of President Yeltsin, is an "icon of cardiac surgery" known for taking no nonsense from patients.

He has treated the Shah of Iran, the Duke of Windsor, Tito and some of the most single-minded moguls of American business. All have learnt to do what they were told by the mild-mannered but determined doctor.

Dr DeBakey will not take up the knife himself — at 88 he is too old for that. Instead he will attend consultations as doctors decide whether to operate on the gravely ill Mr Yeltsin.

The Russian medical team is led by Renat Akchurin, who like Christiaan Barnard, the South African heart surgery pioneer, studied under Dr DeBakey at Baylor Medical Centre, Texas. Dr Akchurin called his mentor "the Leo Tolstoy of the medical world".

Dennis Breo of the American Heart Association, who knows Dr DeBakey well, said yesterday: "He is a legend in heart surgery and is uniquely equipped to deal with high-profile patients. There is no kidding around with someone like DeBakey."

President Yeltsin is a notoriously difficult patient — he went boar hunting and duck shooting last week, despite pleas from his doctors that he rest — but in Dr DeBakey he may have met his match.

Dr DeBakey has not taken to Moscow with his usual team of surgical assistants and he arrives late to the case. Mr Breo suspects that Dr DeBakey's presence could have political undertones. "If something goes wrong and Yeltsin dies, they can say that they had the best person in the world there — and an American, to boot."



Michael DeBakey, the US heart surgeon, right, is met in Moscow yesterday by Yevgeni Chazov, head of the Cardiological Research Centre

## Absence of Yeltsin will trigger bitter scramble for supremacy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

IT MAY have happened nearly 400 years ago, but Russians still recall with apprehension the era known as "The Time of Troubles", when the Tsar's throne lay empty and the country was at the mercy of seven treacherous noblemen.

With President Yeltsin again confined to hospital a sense of foreboding has gripped the country that the noblemen may be back.

The fear today is not that Moscow will be sold out to Poland, as it was in the early 17th century, but that in the absence of a strong figure the nation could be plunged into a new period of chaos as leading figures scramble for power.

President Yeltsin's functions have been divided between three figures whose rivalries are common knowledge and whose duties often overlap.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, occupies potentially the most important position. He has already taken charge of the so-called "power ministries", responsible for defence, intelligence and law enforcement. When President Yeltsin has his bypass surgery, Mr Chernomyrdin will also take control of Russia's nuclear arsenal. In the event of the Kremlin leader's death, he will take over as head of state until fresh elections are held.

The stout former head of Russia's huge gas industry has impressed Western governments with his solid performance, but at home there are doubts that he has the will or charisma to take charge.

That has never been a problem for his main rival, General Aleksandr Lebed, who is hungry for power, and

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both charismatic and popular. As he proved during his peace mission to Chechnya, the former paratroop general can get things done, but he lacks the authority to act alone.

By contrast, Anatoli Chubais, the President's chief of staff, is arguably the most powerful man in Russia today. He controls the machinery of the Kremlin administration and draws up the decrees which are then signed by the Russian leader on his sickbed.

However, Mr Chubais's power hangs by a thread. He remains deeply mistrusted and the moment President Yeltsin leaves power, his enemies will pounce.

Other key figures may emerge in the coming weeks. Yuri Luzhkov, the dynamic Mayor of Moscow, has signalled that his ambitions stretch far beyond the municipality. Gennadi Zyuganov, who came second in July's presidential elections, has made it clear that he is ready to fight all corners.

For the time being the forces are evenly-balanced and an outright grab for power seems unlikely. However, politics move quickly in Russia and it is conceivable, given recent history, that the present status quo will remain if the Russian leader stays absent from office for months on end.

Already there are signs of impending crises in several sectors, from industrial strikes to the threat of renewed conflict in Chechnya.

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### 'Rasputin' plots his comeback

**MOSCOW:** General Aleksandr Korzhakov, Boris Yeltsin's one-time "Rasputin" who was sacked as the head of the presidential security service, is reported to have enlisted the help of the new security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, in an attempt to return to politics (Thomas de Waal writes).

General Korzhakov went to Vladivostok to support the embattled local Governor against the new Kremlin administration. He then hinted that this could be the warm-up for an attempt to win a parliamentary seat left vacant by General Lebed, who had to quit the State Duma to serve in the Kremlin. General Lebed told CNN last week: "I will help him, if he wants me to."

### Doctor's pessimism makes sense

THE pessimism of Dr Renat Akchurin about the state of President Yeltsin's health may have angered and embarrassed the Kremlin, but it makes sound clinical sense.

As Dr Akchurin said, there is no question about the President having had a third heart attack during the election because there is obvious evidence for it in the presidential ECG. The doctor's assessment was made only after days of careful investigations.

Dr Akchurin will not only have had the advantage of seeing X-rays of the President's coronary arteries, but probably will also carried out thallium scanning. In a thallium scan, the rate at which the radioactive thallium perfuses through the heart muscle demonstrates the state of the heart's blood supply and the amount of the

heart muscle that has been replaced by scar tissue after the heart attack. With the help of an echo cardiogram Dr Akchurin will have been able to watch the heart at work and see how each of its chambers copes with maintaining the circulation.

The doctor has also talked about end organ damage.

By that he means that the President's circulation, after the three heart attacks may have been too feeble to have kept the kidneys, and possibly the liver and gastro-intestinal tract working efficiently. Intellectual prowess can also be

to keep political power, but now he may, by neglecting his health earlier, be too ill to enjoy the presidency. The surgeon will certainly want to wait for another month or two before operating, so as to give the heart more time to recover from the last attack.

Recent research has shown that emergency bypass surgery done at the time of, or soon after, a heart attack does not have such a good prognosis. It has been estimated that after three heart attacks, the mortality rate will be about 10 per cent. However, that assumes there are no other adverse features about the case, and Mr Yeltsin's condition seems to proffer several additional problems.

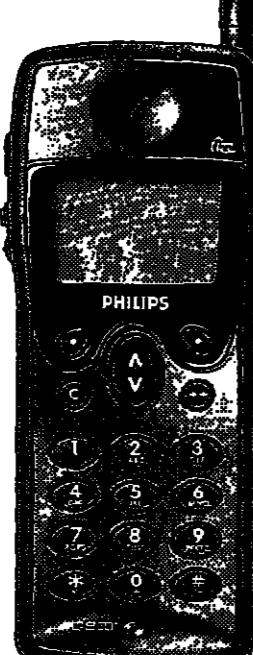
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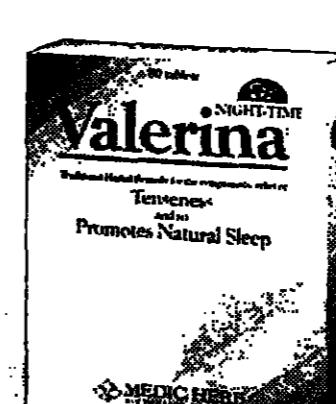
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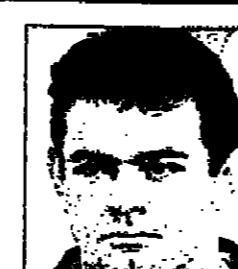
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## Fifty names face £1m writs as Lloyd's gets tough

ALAN WELLER  
BY JON ASHWORTH

AT LEAST 50 Lloyd's names are to be pursued for more than £1 million each in a dramatic hardening of attitude by authorities at Lloyd's of London. The names, thought to include well-known personalities in the UK and North America, face total financial ruin in the clampdown, which will see bank accounts frozen and lead to the seizure of homes and assets.

The names of the personalities involved are to be disclosed early next month, when the first batch of 200 writs will be lodged at the High Court in London. Lloyd's is seeking £500 million from 1,850 names, most of whom are in the UK, America and Canada. The names are the last of the "diehards" who refused to accept the £3.2

billion settlement offer aimed at ending litigation and allowing Lloyd's to make a fresh start.

Philip Holden, head of the financial recovery department at Lloyd's, said non-payers would be pursued relentlessly. Mr Holden, seconded to Lloyd's from Dibb Lupton Broomhead, the law firm, has written to names, asking them how they propose to finance their obligations. For those who do not respond, a seven day final warning will follow on October 1. On the eighth day, the first 200 writs will be issued.

Mr Holden said non-payers had seen their debts rise dramatically because of their refusal to pay. He said: "If they had accepted the settlement offer and received the benefits of the credits to which they were entitled, the overall debt would have

been somewhere in the region of £100 million. They've actually given away £400 million of benefits by virtue of their non-acceptance. There are now in excess of 50 people who now have a bill of more than £1 million. That bill, at the most for those members, would have been £100,000 after [in addition to] their funds at Lloyd's. And that bill for £1 million is after their funds at Lloyd's anyway. So like for like, they've given away some £900,000 worth of credits."

The first test cases are due in the UK courts by Christmas. Those affected include 670 names in the UK (owing £150 million), 655 in America (owing £180 million), and 253 in Canada. The Canadian names pose the greatest potential problem for Lloyd's, owing £100 million –

an average of £395,000 each. Mr Holden said: "The Canadians are simply refusing to come to the table, and unfortunately they're going to lose, and they're going to lose their homes and their houses."

Lloyd's is seeking to become more commercial in its approach. Mr Holden said: "On an ethical basis, people who've paid expect others to be pursued. Commercially, we need to recover this money. We can't have half a billion pounds worth of debt lying out there without making sure we recover as much as possible as quickly as possible."

Michael Deeney, a prominent Lloyd's campaigner, has hit out at weekend reports that said he was in line for a £500,000 success fee. The money is to be split between at least 20 people, he said.

**B Gas**  
service  
network  
hit again

BY MARTIN WALLER

SERIOUS computer and phone problems have led to another collapse in British Gas's national service network. Almost half the company's three million service-contract customers face a long wait if their central heating breaks down this autumn.

The company was criticised last winter when its service business failed to keep pace with calls from customers caught out by the bad weather, and management promised to install new computers and telecoms systems to cope with any surge in demand.

British Gas admitted yesterday tests of such systems had coincided with the first bad weather of the autumn. Delays for its customers would continue for at least another four or five weeks, it said.

The problems reached a peak at the weekend, when most of the phone calls to three of the company's seven national service centres were going unanswered. At one, just 12 per cent of calls were being accepted by engineers. British Gas admitted, and the problem was continuing last night.

Bob Frazer, operations director, said the three centres accounted for about 40 per cent of the customers holding ServiceCare contracts, which promise a swift response to breakdowns. The company is hiring extra phone operators to cope.

Ian Powe, Gas Consumers' Council director, said British Gas was underestimating the extent of the problems. "The service business has collapsed. It's never been as bad as this, and we've been through some pretty bad times with British Gas," he said.

The council, engaged in a battle with Whitehall over funding, had to close its London office after being swamped with calls from angry consumers, he said. Some were contacting the company's emergency gas-leak service in desperation – blocking genuine emergency calls and putting pressure on safety standards.

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## Rate fears hit markets

BY GEORGE SIVELL AND RICHARD THOMSON

STOCK MARKETS across Europe and America fell sharply yesterday in anticipation of a rise in US interest rates when the Federal Open Market Committee meets today.

If the Fed acts, it would be the first American interest rate rise since the last wave of increases ended in January 1995.

The debate on either side of the Atlantic is now over whether interest rate rises would help to control any emerging inflationary pressures or spoil the prospects of further economic growth. Similarly, market watchers wonder whether the strong market performances seen this year mark the end of the bull market and whether London will continue outperforming New York (see chart).

In America it has emerged that eight of the 12 regional Fed bank chairmen have called for a rate increase, and Alan Greenspan, the central bank chairman, may give in to avoid a revolt. However, the meeting looks set to be one of the most contentious for a long time, coming only two months before the Presidential election and in the face of conflicting information about the economy.

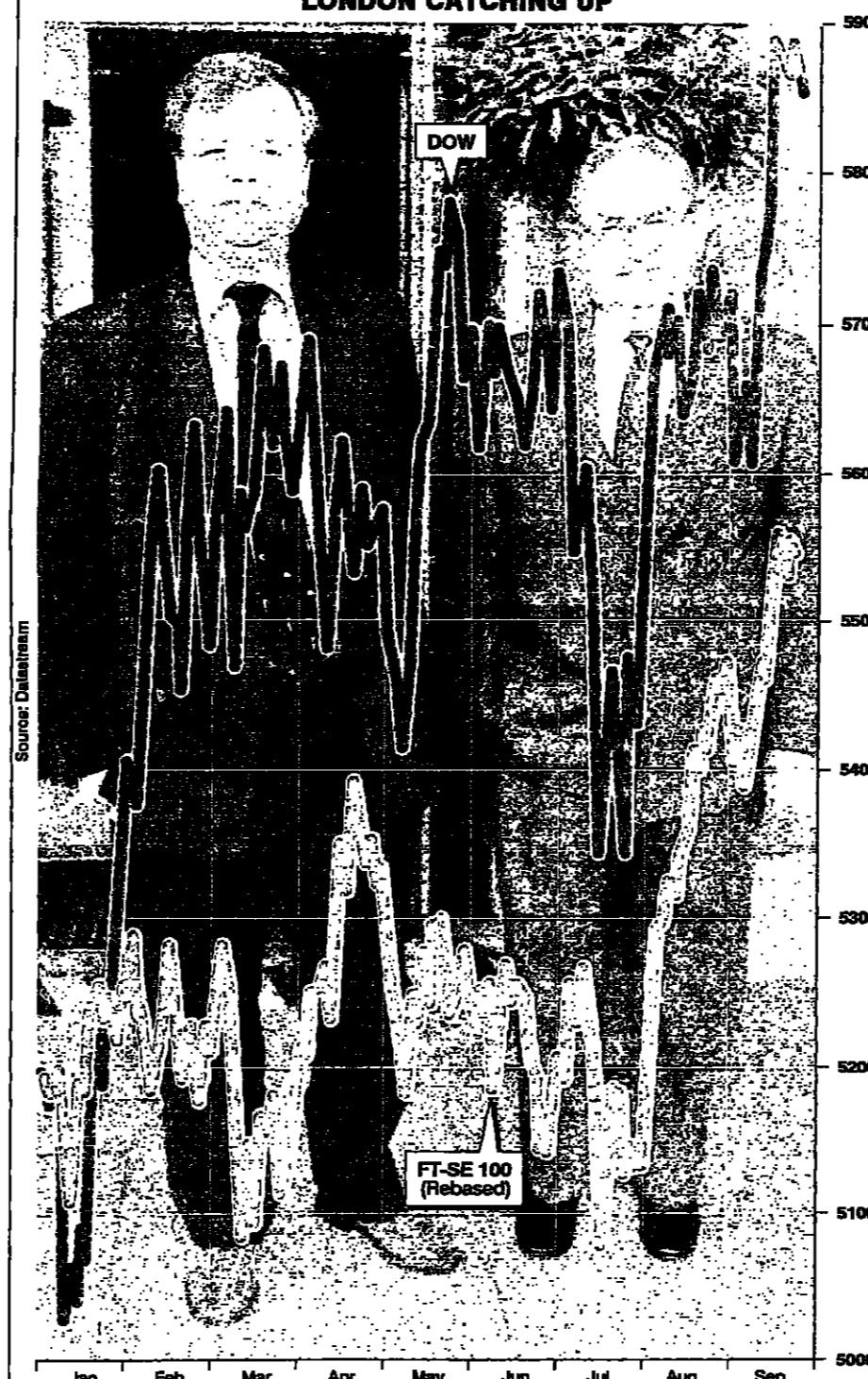
The New York stock market sees the decision as symbolic of the Fed's monetary stance for the next few months. Even a small hike in rates from 5.25 per cent to 5.5 per cent would cause dismay on Wall Street and in the White House because it would signal a monetary tightening that could bring to an end the prolonged bull market which pushed the Dow to new highs last week.

The Federal Open Market Committee meeting is already surrounded by controversy after a leak last week that the majority of regional Fed presidents want a rate rise. It is now being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. But many Wall Street analysts believe the leak was a deliberate tactic by the Fed to prepare the markets for a rate rise at such a sensitive time.

The Fed usually tries to avoid interest rate movements so close to an election for fear of influencing politics. It has only once before raised interest rates so close to an election, in 1980, when Jimmy Carter lost the presidency.

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**UK faces disruption on EMU planning**

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE UK economy faces serious disruption if the Government fails to make a clear decision on whether it will participate in the process of European Monetary Union (EMU) after other Governments have made their choice.

A report published today by the British Bankers' Association (BBA) spells out the dangers of indecision. It says: "A UK decision to participate delayed beyond early 1998, but with a changeover still due for completion by 2002, could be highly disruptive for all sectors of the economy and expose UK financial institutions to real competitive disadvantage."

It says those most in danger from a delayed decision could be retailers and motor manufacturers, which deal with numerous payment methods for goods and services.

"British and international businesses will need Euro facilities even if the UK does not participate. Depending on the scale of such transactions from 1999 onwards, there could be significant implications for payment systems," it says.

Tim Sweeney, BBA director-general, says that whether or not the UK joins EMU should not affect the wholesale money and derivatives markets or London's position at the centre of global trading, so long as there is a clear statement of Britain's intentions.

The report, compiled in conjunction with the Association for Payment Clearing Services and London Investment Banking Association, concludes that UK financial markets will be prepared for EMU "but it is essential that they continue with thorough and timely preparation."

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**Sainsbury expands US stores**

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket chain, is further expanding its American operation at a cost of \$52 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Shaw's Supermarkets, Sainsbury's US subsidiary, is buying 12 stores and two sites from Royal Ahold, the Dutch company. Ahold is required to dispose of the outlets by the Federal Trade Commission following its acquisition of the Stop & Shop retail chain.

All the stores are in Connecticut, except for one in Rhode Island. Shaw's opened its first store in Connecticut in September 1995 and now has five in the state. The acquisition will make Shaw's the state's second-largest operator.

Ian Coull, Shaw's chairman, said: "We are very pleased to acquire these stores in prime locations where it would have been difficult to expand organically."

At end-March, Shaw's traded from 96 outlets in America. In the year to March, Sainsbury's US operations earned profits of £51 million (£40 million) before tax.

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## Chandos goes from Chrysalis

BY ERIC REGULY

THE boardroom row at Chrysalis intensified yesterday when Viscount Chandos followed Sir David Puttnam's lead and resigned. His departure reduces the number of non-executive directors from three to one and puts more pressure on Chris Wright, chairman and chief executive, to relinquish some management control over the media and entertainment group.

Viscount Chandos said he resigned because he felt Mr Wright considered the non-executive directors as little more than an "imposition". In a letter to Mr Wright, he said: "I have reluctantly concluded I no longer have sufficient confidence either in the information and communication available to the non-executive directors or in your receptiveness to advice."

In particular, he cited the apparent unwillingness of Mr Wright, who owns about 43 per cent of the company, to appoint a group managing director.

Mr Wright said he had not called off the executive search and hoped to appoint a managing director or a chief operating officer soon. "It has only been easy finding the right person," he said.

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## Berisford slumps on warning

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INDUSTRIAL dispute costing £3.5 million and weak demand in the US were yesterday blamed by Berisford, the kitchens, doors and food equipment company, for a profit warning that wiped 27 per cent off its value.

A strike which started late last month at the Magnet kitchen factory in Darlington, and during

which 300 employees have been

dismissed, has halved its dispatches of kitchens. In addition, Berisford reported an unexpected downturn in demand for fast-food equipment produced by Welbilt, its US operation. This, the company said, would knock a further £2.6 million from profits.

The share price slumped 40½p to 100p as Berisford predicted full-year profits to the end of this month of

around £25 million. Analysts had been tipping £33 million.

Alan Bowkett, chief executive, said kitchen dispatches would be back to normal by November.

Berisford said it expected to propose a final dividend of 3p, taking the total to 4.5p against the 3p total in 1995.

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## STOCK MARKET



OLIVER AUGUSTE

# Index drops 44 points on interest rate fears

THE FT-SE 100 experienced its first sharp fall in weeks as buyers were scared away by the prospect of a British interest rate rise. The index ended 44.4 points lower at 3,919.7.

Low volume figures showed that trading was almost put on hold before the monthly meeting between the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor.

After lunch the market was further depressed by news from Wall Street. Fears of a rate rise there sent US share prices down sharply as investors braced themselves for today's meeting of the policy-making Federal Open Market Committee.

Banking shares were affected across the board by the anxiety in the market. Abbey National fell from 62p to 61.3p, Barclays fell 7p to 939p, HSBC closed 14p lower at 1,023p, Lloyds TSB slipped to 372p from 378p and NatWest ended the day at 667p, down 7p.

The biggest overall losers included Berisford, down 40p at 106p, FirstBus, 7p lower at 161.5p, and Mirror Group, which fell 8p to 214p.

Cable and Wireless was one of the few to buck the trend with a rise of 1p to 455p on speculation of a possible large-scale restructuring programme involving significant sell-offs. The company's Mercury One-2-One unit is also reported to be planning the launch of an aggressive marketing campaign next month.

SmithKline Beecham fell 13p to 749p in spite of an announcement that the company had received approval through the new centralised European Registration procedure to market Twinrix, the first combined vaccine against hepatitis A and B. The approval applies to all 15 European Union countries. The rest of the pharmaceuticals sector was surprisingly steady compared with the market as a whole. British Biotech fell from 205p to 203p, Glaxo Wellcome rose 1p to 959p, Oxford Molecular was unchanged at 323p and Zeneca fell from 1,575p to 1,559p.

Vodafone and British Airways said they have created a strategic alliance on an Air Miles project. The agreement, which was the result of a competitive tender, gives Vodafone the exclusive right to market its cellular phones and services to BA executive club



Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, left, and Philip Cushing, chief executive, saw Incheape's shares lose ground

members and Air Miles collectors. BA closed 52p down at 540.5p and Vodafone went from 223p to 221.5p.

Carlton Communications bucked the downward trend, closing 1p higher at 472p after a report that Canwest will try to block a possible bid by Carlton for HTV.

RCM rose 14p to 111.35p as traders warmed to possible

which until last week was believed to have clinched an agreed deal with Yates Brothers Wine Lodges. A spokesman for Rank said: "We do not comment on market speculation." Neither Yates nor Tom Cobleigh would comment on suggestions that Rank had pipped an offer worth 240p a share from Yates. Rank closed 11p lower at 439p. Tom

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## THE TIMES



## CITY DIARY

## For the sake of the punter

WHAT better way to launch a book than to invite a wit, and then get the title wrong.

First for attention-grabbing authors John Gapper and Nicholas Denton on publication of the latest book about the collapse of Barings Bank was the wit from hearded Aussie Ron Baker. Mr Baker is the former head of derivatives trading at the merchant bank.

Now there is the furore over the book's title, *All That Glitters*. Learned readers will know, of course, that what Shakespeare and later Gray wrote was "Nor all that glitters gold." The title was an issue of great debate, says Mr Gapper, who insists that he didn't want to alienate "your average punter".

## Weighty issue

LORD THURSO, Liberal peer and chief executive of Champneys, is exercising his thoughts setting up a series of workouts geared towards toning up MPs in the wake of a general election. Having shed three stone himself since he took over a year ago, Lord Thurso has pinpointed the problems that weigh on individual parties. The Lib Dems are by far the fittest, he says, adding that he is offering them a day in the weights room to tone up their muscle. On dressing down the Tory party, Lord Thurso cites Sebastian Coe, Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne, as the "exception to the rule". On the subject of Labour, he says: "The trouble with champagne socialists is that they eat too much rich food."



## Fighting on

FRESH from the Maxwell debacle, George Staple, head of the Serious Fraud Office, will be speaking tomorrow at the first in a series of courses on Combating Financial Crime. But all must be safe and sound in the City as 99 per cent of the audience are coming from overseas: as far away as Ghana, Portugal, the Czech Republic and Russia. Timms Sainer Decher, the law firm, has given up its London offices to host the interactive workshops.

## Snap decision

THE City will never see the mysterious snap or snaps taken with a Polaroid camera said to belong to Peter Young, the former Morgan Grenfell European fund manager sacked earlier this month. A temporary High Court injunction issued last week preventing pictures said to be held by a woman named Sandra, and possibly certain newspapers, from being published, was yesterday made into a permanent ban.

WHAT we want to know is why Nigel Cassidy, Radio 4's business reporter on the Today programme, was so out of breath for his 8.35 slot on Monday morning? Between great gasps, Cassidy updated us on Eddie George and the FTSE, but his racing pulse didn't go unnoticed. Sue MacGregor said: "I think he might want to listen very carefully to our next item, which is all about nurses and midwives." Could she be telling us something?

MORAG PRESTON



The Marks & Spencer store in Paris and Keith Oates, the company's deputy chairman, who insists that growth abroad is now essential

## Empire spirit rekindled as retailers look further afield

Paul Durman and Sarah Cunningham  
report on the race for expansion abroad

The corners of foreign fields that are forever England are multiplying rapidly as many of the shops we know and love venture across the Channel and the Atlantic.

Marks & Spencer, J Sainsbury, Tesco and MFI are all increasing their spending on expanding their empires overseas, while Boots is also thinking about making another foray abroad. It is believed to be considering The Netherlands as a location. If and when it gets there, it will probably find Argos has already arrived: it plans to open its first store there in 1998.

British retailers opening stores abroad is not a new phenomenon. What has changed is the pace of openings, spurred on by intense competition at home and tighter planning rules for out-of-town developments introduced by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. The near-saturation of high streets by some chains, like M&S and Next, who can barely find anywhere in the UK where they are not represented, is another factor. Their strategy in the UK is now to extend their existing stores upwards and sideways, to add selling space as there are few attractive locations for new stores.

Retail empire building abroad has not always gone well for British companies. In the past 20 years a trail of failed British retailers has headed overseas, often to the US, only to return to these shores with their hopes dashed, a little poorer and wiser. Among these were Boots, who retreated from New Zealand and Canada, and Cecil Gee, the men's clothing retailer now owned by Moss Bros, which opened branches — briefly — in California. Sock Shop was another company to come adrift in the US where many of its inner city branches were targeted by thieves.

The current crop of hopefuls insist that they have learnt the lessons of past failures. Although Next admits its four US branches have been struggling, French Connection is very happy with the performance of its US stores which it owns 50-50 with a local businessman. One of the most expensive US adventures was undertaken by M&S, which paid £750 million for the Brooks Brothers men's clothes chain in 1988. Although the investment has begun to turn in a reasonable profit, M&S has now changed its policy and, rather than buying foreign retailers, is expanding in Europe and the Far East.

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Saturday factor in sales figures

From Mr J. G. Hooper

Mr. Monthly retail sales figures will probably be influenced by the number of Saturdays in the month in question. This year, for instance, August had five Saturdays, but in 1995 it had only four. Years 1992 and 1988, the last "boom" year, also had five.

Suppose, for example, that a retailer takes half as much again on Saturday as he does on an average weekday. With no extra sales on his part, he would expect to take an additional 6 per cent in a month with five Saturdays than in a month with four. Equally, the preceding month will have four Saturdays whereas in the previous year it had five, so his apparent sales will drop by 6 per cent.

This "Saturday factor" makes many comparisons worthless unless taken into account, and probably goes some way to explaining the apparent volatility of retail sales.

Yours faithfully,  
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store by store, and under its own name. But Keith Oates, deputy chairman of M&S, insists that "expanding abroad remains essential: "We can't remain in the UK and get the sort of growth we need. Also we are buying international, and we should be selling internationally." And on a more general level, he argues: "It is true that we are a nation of shopkeepers. We are strong in retail."

M&S is opening its first shop in Germany next month in Cologne. It now owns 88 stores abroad, and 78 franchises. In future it wants to own stores in countries where it intends to open several branches, and have franchises in smaller markets. Half of its spending on new space next year will go overseas. According to Mr Oates, markets are becoming more homogeneous. "In clothing, the world has gone down a standardised route, because of the influence of magazines and television. There is still local dress, but as a general, colours and styles go round the world with great speed. We are finding a bestseller in Marble Arch is a bestseller in Madrid, Tokyo and Hong Kong."

Ford is more problematic, which is why M&S has proportionately less of it in its foreign stores. It is also why Sainsbury's strategy has been very different to that of M&S. It owns Shaws, a New England supermarket chain, and

a large chunk of Giant Food, a chain in the Washington and Baltimore area. It is widely expected to buy the rest of Giant, which will cost around £1 billion. David Sainsbury, chairman, says the company was very aware of possible pitfalls in the US: "We were extremely cautious. The record of UK retailers in the US was very poor, which is why we bought only 20 per cent of Shaws in the first place, in 1987. But our strategy was right."

The feeling in the Eighties was that the time would come when the UK market would become mature, so we made an early move. We still feel the best opportunities are in the US." He is also sure that UK supermarkets have something special to offer: "We are at the cutting edge of food retailing".

Tesco, Sainsbury's arch rival in the UK, has concentrated its efforts on Eastern Europe and France. It began investing in Europe in 1993, and although it recently pulled back from making a £2.5 billion offer for Docks de France, it continues to extend its European operations with moves that are more modest. In April, it paid £79 million to buy 13 stores in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

With Global in Hungary and Savin in Poland, this gives Tesco a presence in four Eastern European countries. A



David Sainsbury, left, and Sir Ian MacLaurin back expansion

## BUSINESS LETTERS

## Lloyd's solution undermines trust in the English

From Mr Robert March

Sir, The Lloyd's of London R&R scheme is now unconditional. Lloyd's probably feel self-satisfied that they have seemingly left behind a significant portion of their old problems — at least for the time being. But they have lost much on behalf of themselves and the English people.

Almost all the names (accepting and non-accepting) I talk to in Australia have lost complete confidence in Lloyd's. Many of these are senior people in the commercial world. The internal and external regulators of Lloyd's

have failed to recognise the fiasco, prevent the fiasco, bring the perpetrators to task and failed to make restitution except under dire legal duress. This has left most of us doubting the once-proud British political, legal and social system.

Many of us can no longer look an Englishman in the eye without feeling a complete lack of trust — and yet many of us are born of English stock.

Your readers should understand that like an alcoholic who needs to admit his problem before he can fix it, Lloyd's

represents an alcoholic in the English system which will not be cured until your political, legal and social system brings Lloyd's and certain individuals to task.

I wish the refuseniks well in their future fight against Lloyd's. If they win, the cleansing effect will improve the reputation of the City of London and raise the respect of British businessmen in the world market.

Yours faithfully,  
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## British Gas is about to pay a king's ransom for a liability

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, British Gas, for the Board of which I have stood repeatedly, is about to buy a relaxation of its take-or-pay contracts with Morecambe Bay assets. Its — secret — motivation is to enable the demerger to proceed.

It is paying a king's ransom for a liability.

There is a case for demerging; to separate production and retailing. Only this isn't the plan! Those key Morecambe fields, or what remains of them, are assigned to BGas Energy, the retail arm, not — as are the

other gasfields — to TransCo. More, the timing is insane. BGas is already in the throes of a massive reorganisation — £1.65 billion and 25,000 redundancies — and a further change will compound the confusion and extend it into that worst of all times, the onset of unfettered competition for a liability.

This constitutes a deadly argument against the demerger; defusing it is the purpose of this latest panic measure. Please let me write you a feature to tell this other side.

Yours faithfully,  
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outside gas as possible, by the absolute minimisation of in-house production — and by keeping every presently owned field in-house. And TransCo will be external to BGE!

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## Asda's 'new jobs' in market share

From Mr Tim Clapham

Sir, David Stone's comments (Letters, September 19) regarding Asda's "creation of 2,700 new jobs" would appear to hark back to the 1980s — when supermarket groups were taking market share from the independents.

In the 1990s it is now widely accepted that the potential for new out-of-town supermarket sites has largely diminished. David Stone rightly points out that retailers are not increasing their market share as a whole, which surely indicates that Asda's strategy is to attempt to take market share from its competitors — not the independents who are largely adopting a niche market position.

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JANET BUSH

## US rate rise is nothing to fear

A small rise in American interest rates today should not be regarded as an alarming precursor to tighter money around the world, or as the end of the US Federal Reserve's brave experiment to see how fast the economy can grow and how far unemployment can fall without igniting inflation.

Since Alan Greenspan, the redoubtable Fed chairman, came to office in 1987, he has moved interest rates by a quarter point many times and proved that economic fine-tuning can be an astonishing success if done well. Mr Greenspan's well-developed common sense and his absolute commitment to achieving both healthy growth and low inflation has led to a prolonged period of sustainable growth which shows no sign of ending.

The evidence in favour of a vote in the Federal Open Market Committee in favour of higher rates today — perhaps a quarter, less likely a half — is almost overwhelming. There was the recent, apparently accurate, report from a Fed source that eight out of 12 regional Federal Reserve banks have lodged petitions for a rise in the discount rate.

Everyone thought that the NAIRU (the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment) was around 6 per cent. Unemployment fell below 6 per cent: no price effect. Then 5.5 per cent was breached: again no effect.

There have also been surprisingly hawkish comments from the Fed's dovish wing. Janet Yellen talked of the Fed now being in the inflationary danger zone. Governor Lawrence Lindsey, who used the word experiment to describe the Fed's attempt to run the economy at lower levels of unemployment, gave two interview two wire services, giving the impression that he would vote in favour of a hike in the Fed Funds rate.

David Reid, finance director of Tesco and a director of Carrefour, said: "We are trying to do in five years what's taken us 15 years with Tesco."

"We've put quite a lot of Tesco senior managers into Carrefour and are still working hard on the infrastructure. We are not getting a proper return out of Carrefour yet, but it was always going to take time. "We are learning what it's like to implement change in a foreign country."

Tesco is very encouraged by Eastern Europe. Mr Reid says there has been an "astonishing" improvement in the range of goods in the region's stores over the last few years. Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman, said: "When we first went in there, Global was Tesco 25 years ago."

Tesco was fancied as a bidder for Docks, the French retailer, but in the end walked away. On the question of Docks, according to Sir Ian: "It would have made sense if we could have done it with a partner. As it was, we could not get shareholder value, so we moved away." Tesco is pragmatic about missing out on Docks and confident there will be plenty of other opportunities, although analysts say that in France they are in fact thin on the ground. France has few efficient regional supermarket chains for Tesco to buy in order to build up its business there.

Although it will not say as much, Tesco must feel under some pressure to step up its efforts abroad. The risks are great, but retailers know it is equally risky to stay at home and see the competition prosper from overseas investments. The real winners in Britain's store wars will be the retailers who emerge victorious from the commercial battles fought on foreign soil.

Those of us excited by the spectacle of a central bank pursuing the holy grail of full employment might be tempted to see a quarter point rise as a loss of bottle. It should instead be welcomed as a cheap insurance policy which will allow the experiment to continue.



Greenspan: successful economic fine-tuning

On Tuesday  
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telephone table  
everyone  
will appreciate.

BUT WILL IT  
HAVE LEGS?



# Close Brothers sets 21-year growth record

By ROBERT MILLER

**CLOSE BROTHERS.** the merchant bank, has maintained an unbroken 21-year growth record with a 33 per cent jump in annual pre-tax profits to £45.1 million.

Rod Kent, managing director of Close, which acquired Hill Samuel's corporate finance arm from Lloyds TSB earlier this summer, refused yesterday to rule out similar deals to accelerate the group's growth.

The purchase price paid to Lloyds TSB by Close Brothers, which raised a net £53.4 million in a one-for-five rights issue last October, has not been disclosed. But one bank analyst noted that the merchant bank "got a bargain".

Close Brothers' final dividend was lifted to 6.8p, payable on October 28, making a total dividend for the year ending July 31 of 10p against 8.5p last year. Earnings per share rose by 12 per cent to

24.8p. Operating income rose to £112.6 million from £74.5 million. Administrative expenses, including bonuses and profit-related payments, increased to £51.1 million against £35.7 million in the same period last year, about 50 per cent of operating income.

Winterflood Securities (Wins), the merchant bank's market-making operation which specialises in smaller-company stocks, also had a record year. It accounted for 35 per cent of the group's operating profits compared with 22 per cent a year ago.

Other contributors to group profits were asset finance at 45 per cent, down 1 per cent from last year, and City merchant banking, which includes investment and credit management, accounting for 20 per cent, a fall of 12 per cent.

Michael Morley, Close Brothers chairman, said: "We

believe that the organic growth and momentum of our operations are such that we continue to be confident about the future."

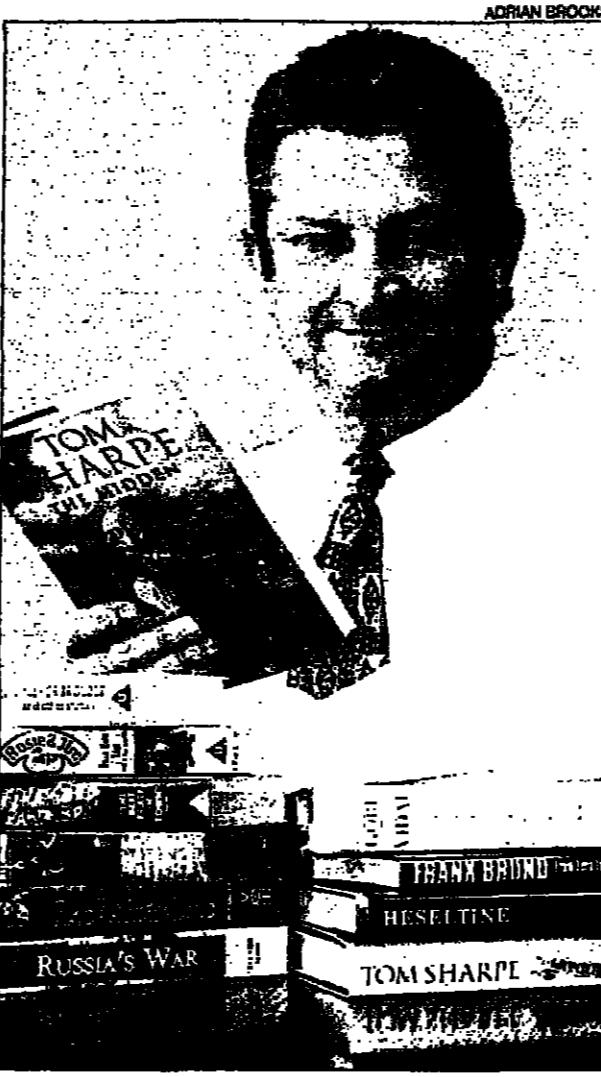
On a generally lacklustre day on the stock market Close Brothers bucked the trend with the shares closing at 343.5p, up 3.5p on the day.

Close Brothers said Hill Samuel's corporate finance division made "an excellent start" as part of the enlarged group. Close was now positioned as "a substantial force in the corporate market place."

The majority of its clients are medium-sized listed companies but it hopes to advise more larger companies.

The bank, which raised £53.4 million through a rights issue in October 1995, said it also hoped to expand its investment management division.

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Steve Ayres says the group has financial flexibility

## VCI on the lookout for acquisitions

By ERIC REGIS

VCI, the video and audio publishing group chaired by Michael Grade, the Channel 4 chief executive, said yesterday that it is searching for acquisitions after years of organic growth.

Steve Ayres, chief executive, said that VCI will not stay from its core businesses of publishing and distributing videos, music, books and software and has considerable financial flexibility and no long-term debt. "Acquisitions are more firmly on our agenda going forward," he said.

The change in strategy came as VCI reported a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £1.3 million in the half year to June 30, on turnover up by half to £37 million. On a like-for-like basis, turnover was up 10 per cent. Earnings per share were 2.8p (2.5p) and the interim dividend, payable on November 29, rises 5 per cent to 2.3p. The shares closed at 328.5p, down 4p.

Mr Ayres said that Moonbeam, the new joint venture with Britt Allcroft, expects to announce shortly that it has acquired the rights to two children's animated characters which will be used across its publishing range.

# Northern Electric urges cut in levy on business users

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

**NORTHERN ELECTRIC** has fuelled the dispute over competition charges in electricity bills, with a call for the levy on industrial users to be cut.

Other regional electricity companies are also believed to be campaigning for a review of charges for meters that enable commercial electricity customers to shop around for power.

Tony Hadfield, chief executive of Northern Electric, said in a company publication: "Northern Electric would regard it as unacceptable for there to be any further rise beyond £565 and are arguing for future costs to be spread differently to contain the charge. In particular, we wish to see the cost of communication links recovered from suppliers over a period extending beyond 1998 when suppliers would be subject to the under-recovery part of the price of the fully open market."

The entry of some regional electricity companies into the dispute comes as many industrial customers are renegotiating contracts. The lobbying will put pressure on the pool to modify charges due to be set at the end of this year.

charges for large electricity users has caused protests this year, with Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, refusing to pay part of its bill.

Mr Hadfield said: "We support the view that a mechanism should be sought, by the working party now established, to reduce the data collection charge, if possible, below £565."

The annual charge, for the use of meters so that industrial users can buy electricity from any supplier, jumped from £299 a meter to £665 earlier this year. Businesses with a lot of sites were annoyed that the charge contains a substantial levy for under-recovery, that is for charges set too low in past years. Sainsbury, Somerfield, the store chain, and GKN, the engineering group, have all refused to pay the under-recovery part of their bills.

The companies which have to itemise the charge on bills to industrial customers, are said to be lobbying the electricity pool — the wholesale market — to cut or redistribute the charge. A jump in the settlement

## Premier Oil launches hostile bid

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE  
IN SYDNEY

**Premier Oil**, the UK oil and gas company, has launched a hostile A\$92 million (£46.9 million) takeover bid for Discovery Petroleum, the Australian oil and gas company. The bid was announced just three days after Premier acquired an interest in the West Natuna Sea block oilfield off the coast of Indonesia for A\$90 million, which lies adjacent to a block in which Discovery has an interest.

The cash offer of 70 cents a share represents a premium of 17 per cent to Discovery's pre-bid share price of 60 cents and a 35 per cent premium to its average share price over the past three months of 51.9 cents. The shares rose 13 cents to 73 cents yesterday.

Eric Streitberg, Discovery's chief executive, said the Premier bid undervalued the company. He added: "It is unfortunate that the Australian market does not recognise the value of its assets."

In addition to its interest in the Natuna oilfield, Discovery Petroleum's assets include an exploration interest in the Carnarvon Basin off the western coast of Australia, and exploration and production interests in the Perth Basin in Western Australia. In the year to June it made a record profit of A\$10 million before exploration write-offs, with a net profit of A\$7.6 million.

## Rutland to invest £15m at port

Rutland Trust said yesterday it is to invest £15 million at Thamesport, the Isle of Grain deep-water container port in the Thames Estuary, to increase overall capacity from 275,000 to 400,000 containers a year.

The company reported profits for the six months to June 30 almost unchanged at £4.9 million (£4.88 million) before tax and exceptional items. At the pre-tax level profits were £4.9 million. Profits of £6.86 million for the previous first half included £1.98 million from the sale of Leasecontracts.

The interim dividend is 0.4p a share (0.35p), payable from adjusted earnings of 1.7p a share (1.19p).

### TransTec rises

TransTec, the engineering group, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £4.5 million from £3.1 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 3.1p a share from 2.3p. The interim dividend rises to 0.8p (0.7p).

### Aspen falls

Aspen Communications, the communications and specialist printer, is maintaining the interim dividend at 2.5p a share after reporting a fall in pre-tax profits to £1.04 million (£1.63 million) on turnover of £38.3 million (£37 million). Earnings fell to 4.5p a share from 7.6p.

## DCC completes buyout of parent

FROM EILEEN McCABE IN DUBLIN

**DCC**, the Irish industrial holding company, has paid £15.8 million to increase its stake in holding company Oare from 80 per cent to 100 per cent. The buyout was in line with a prior agreement with Oare's management which held the outstanding 20 per cent.

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## Kalisher memorial planned

AN ANNUAL scholarship for a young barrister is to be set up in memory of Michael Kalisher, QC, one of the best-loved faces at the Criminal Bar, who died of a brain tumour last week at 55.

Anne Rafferty, QC, the chairman of the Criminal Bar Association (CBA), who worked closely with him for many years, said: "The nice thing is that I had the chance of discussing the scholarship idea with Michael before he died, and he was thrilled. It will go to a youngster who has some of the same qualities we all saw in him — acumen, intellectual standing and, above all, a sense of humour."

Details of the award have yet to be worked out. Mr Kalisher did, however, impose one condition. Ms Rafferty explains: "We used to have working CBA breakfasts at Chez Gerard [in Chancery Lane, near Lincoln's Inn], and he insisted that the judging for the scholarship should also be held over breakfast at the restaurant. The idea is that members of the Bar will contribute to raise the money for the scholarship. A Kalisher memorial lecture is also planned."

Mr Kalisher, who originally qualified as a solicitor, rose to become one of the most successful criminal advocates at the Bar, taking silk after only 14 years' call. He was CBA chairman (1991-1993) and was in line to be Bar chairman.

Among his strengths was a huge capacity for work, which would often win him points because he had survived a gruelling day in court, clear-sighted, when everyone else was exhausted. And his humour invariably defused a crisis: when the Bar was at its most agitated about the prospect of plans by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, to open up advocacy rights to many other groups, he told the Bar Council that when the gas engineers won advocacy rights, they'd never be able to say whether they were coming to court "in the morning or afternoon".

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Hans Marcus, the German-born British lawyer at the forefront of the struggle to regain for victims and their descendants funds stolen by the Nazis



## Battle to win back the gold

### Edward Fennell meets the British lawyers fighting to recover the vast riches stolen by the Nazis and secreted in Swiss banks

Just over 50 years since the defeat of the Nazis, the struggle to compensate their victims goes on. London lawyers have played a vital part in the process and the current inquiry into gold bullion held in Swiss banks has led to a surge of inquiries from possible beneficiaries.

Hans Marcus is one of the best lawyers in this field. Having escaped from Germany in 1939 and having later qualified as a lawyer in this country, he, like most of the other lawyers involved, has a deep personal connection with the history of the period. For many years, he acted for refugees seeking compensation from the former West German Government. After the reunification of Germany, there was another burst of activity arising out of the restitution of property in the former East German state.

Now, from his offices at Edmonds Bowen & Company, where he is a consultant, he says that the acknowledgement by Switzerland of the existence of the gold has offered him fresh courage.

He is working with a number of new cases from British clients, and, in conjunction with Peter Taylor of Taylors, a Southampton firm with South American connections, may also act for clients in Argentina and Brazil.

Long experience has not, however,

made him particularly optimistic about the outcome. He says: "My fear is that it will take the Swiss a long time to do the research and then, because of the nature of gold, it will be difficult to determine who the original owners are."

The reason that lawyers need to become involved in these cases is that ultimately, a case based on clear evidence will need to be presented to the authorities in order to prove entitlement. In the matter of the Nazi gold, this will be easier in cases concerning specific theft of distinctive property. One client, for example is the heir to a jeweller whose shop in Cracow was plundered by the Nazis. Another jeweller in Berlin saw his stock disappear on Kristallnacht. In these kinds of cases, it may be possible to show a direct link with the deposits in the vaults.

Like others in this area, Mr Marcus has long been worried about the way in which banks in Switzerland deal with the dormant accounts of people or

organisations that transferred money there in the 1930s. "Often," he says, "the children of these people have a vague idea that money was deposited in Switzerland but do not have the details to help us to locate it."

Though the Contact Office, the office in Switzerland through which claims should be made, is being reasonably co-operative in undertaking searches, Mr Marcus says that the quickest way forward would be simply to publish information about accounts that were opened in the 1930s but have ever since remained untouched. He says: "That would be a real assistance to those who want to track down their family's holdings."

Similarly Andrew Kaufman, a partner with Fladgate Fielder, a City law firm, argues that the banks in Switzerland and in the UK should be more open about what they hold. As chairman of the Association of Jewish Refugees, he is now planning a campaign for the

association to put pressure on the UK Government. He says: "We feel rather cynical about the motives of most of the governments involved in this affair. We shall pursue it, however, as an important matter of principle."

One of the firms most active in this field is Pritchard Englefield. The firm employs German-qualified lawyers and keeps them busy most of the time on restitution and compensation cases. As Mr Rhodes points out, there is a distinct detective aspect to the work and a lot of research is required to track down what happened to money or property such a long time ago.

He adds: "Refugees and their children are very good at telling us what happened but they are often not in a position to present the evidence correctly. This needs the skills of a lawyer who speaks the language and understands the law of Germany and Austria."

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## Justices put fortune tellers in low spirits

Last month, Geraldine Lee of Morfe Gypsy camp appeared before the justices of Llanelli in south Wales charged under the Fraudulent Mediums Act 1951. Whether or not she had foreseen her appearance, it is astonishing that such an offence remains on the statute book. I do not, of course, in any way seek to predict the outcome of her case.

People who, with intent to deceive, purport to act as spiritualistic mediums, or to exercise any powers of telepathy, clairvoyance or other similar powers, will be surprised to discover themselves liable to fines or up to a couple of years' imprisonment. It could, however, be worse — this Act repealed the Witchcraft Act 1735.

Witchcraft has had a chequered history. It was initially an ecclesiastical offence, becoming a felony punishable by death in the reign of Henry VIII. James I had a particular dislike of witches and the first year of his reign produced *An Act against Conjuration, Witchcraft and dealing with evil and wicked spirits*. We shall pursue it, however, as an important matter of principle."

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Luke Clements sees troubled times for mystics

Unfortunately, the cash materialised in his wallet and he found himself charged under the Witchcraft Act 1735. Had he not claimed to have the power of conjuration?

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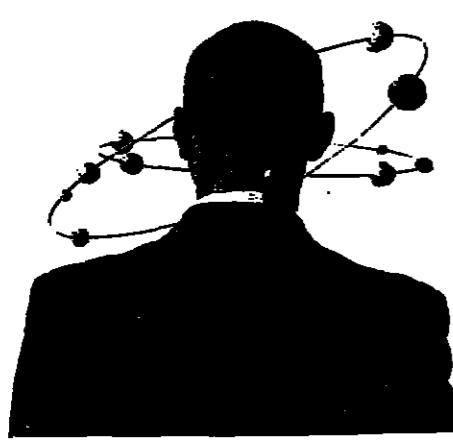
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□ More than four-fifths of small firms have a fax machine, and 80 per cent have a computer, according to NatWest's quarterly survey of UK small businesses. Nearly 17 per cent have electronic mail; fewer use the Internet for e-mail and 9 per cent use the World Wide Web.

□ Gillian Shephard, Employment Secretary, and Richard Page, Small Business Minister, are among speakers at a conference organised by the Small Business Bureau at Frimley Green, Surrey, on October 16. Details on the Internet or from Jackie Russell-Lowe on 0176 452010.

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# Moving targets hit mark

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**SERIOUS** golfers can hit a birdie, an eagle or an albatross. Now they can hit an owl as well... and even a cow or a horse.

John Odell has used his talents as an engineer to create targets for golfers. His first creations have appeared on a golf range in Kent and he has received inquiries from as far away as Panama, which has encouraged him to set up an Internet Web site.

His owl flaps its wings when hit by a golf ball, the cow moos and the cart-horse bucks. For urban ranges, he can offer golfers the satisfaction of smacking a golf ball into the side of a police panda car, which responds with flashing lights and a siren.

Mr Odell set up his company, PB Services, at Farnham, Surrey, last year at the age of 60.

It was a friend who ran a golf range who put up the idea of making ranges more interesting for those who wanted to practise their drives and chips. Golfers buy a bucket of 30 balls and go on to the range to have a swing. Putting up an interesting target encourages them to buy another bucket, especially if they manage a few near



real boot: John Odell, left, managing director of PB Services, with John Skinner, of Business Link Surrey

misses. Really difficult targets, such as a rabbit, can also be used to pay out jackpots — provided precautions can be taken to ensure that golfers do not cheat by getting too close.

He manufactures the life-size models himself but uses another company to supply the electronics. At first he started to make the targets in sheet steel but has switched to polypropylene because it can absorb the impact of a 200 mph golf ball without suffering damage.

What the golfer does not see is the technology that is behind the target. Mr Odell uses powerful computer-aided design software. The microchips he programmes to control the movements of the targets are, he claims, far more sophisticated than anything the motor manufacturers are currently using.

Nothing in golf comes cheap.

Dobbin, standing 16 hands high and a complicated piece of engineering, set the golf range owner back £1,800. The accompanying cow cost £1,500, but smaller targets are on offer at about £800.

For those prices the golf range can call the shots, specifying what targets it wants and how they react when hit. Business Link Surrey is giving Mr Odell advice on developing the business to offer a standardised range at lower prices.

## Students flock to put knowledge to the test

By SALLY WATTS

A RECORD 1,350 second-year undergraduates took part in this year's Shell Technology Enterprise Programme (Step), its tenth year, working for eight weeks on project assignments for small businesses.

Mark Smith, 20, won the £1,000 award for the UK's most enterprising student. He saved Autosmart, a manufacturer of chemicals near Lichfield, Staffordshire, between five and ten days each working month, the equivalent of £15,000 a year, by overhauling its computer.

Mark, who is taking an honours degree at Birmingham University in computer science and software engineering, said: "It gave me the chance to see computers in use in the real world."

Simon Jackson, a Bradford University student who won the best information technology project award, helped to create a multimedia presentation and mailshot, new Internet website and ideas for a range of CD-Rom-based products.

As a result his company, Procyon, a new electronic graphics business at Wellingborough, is expanding and moving to new premises.

The manufacturing company award went to Janice Vickers, 20, who improved an aspect of the production process for Eaton, which makes gearboxes for duty trucks. This led to a one-off investment of £32,000, a saving of £80,000 a year and less stress for production line workers.

Craig Flynn, of Paisley Univer-

sity, who won the marketing project award, researched the feasibility of an insurance scheme for club members which has become a new branded product for Thomas Bryce insurance and mortgage brokers, of Greenock, Strathclyde.

He also developed a business plan and marketing literature, considerably reducing the normal design time. The scheme is now available virtually throughout Britain including Shetland and the Western Isles.

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■ VISUAL ART 1  
At the Hayward Gallery, Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs confirm his visionary stature



■ VISUAL ART 2  
and the 35,000 figures of Antony Gormley's *Field for the British Isles* also come to town



■ VISUAL ART 3  
Tricks in oils: Craig Mulholland's intriguing new paintings are given a London exhibition



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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on Robert Mapplethorpe and Antony Gormley. Plus other London shows



On the edge of artifice: Mulholland's *Fruit Dish*

## What's real in painting?

IN 1992, just a year after graduating from Glasgow School of Art, Craig Mulholland had his first one-man exhibition. It was, above all, his technical facility which earned him attention. "Oil paints were invented so that artists would be able to build up their pictures in a series of glowing glazes," he says. "Why paint in oils if you are not going to make full use of their properties?" Borrowing classical techniques of chiaroscuro — though in a sort of reverse process — the rich dark tones of his subjects coalesce against luminous, almost abstract backgrounds.

Yet Mulholland is anxious not to allow questions of how to apply paint to distract him from the narratives of his work. He uses the illusions which can be created in oils to explore the boundaries between reality and artificiality. "I want to play with the basic paradox of art," Mulholland says. "I want to ask the question: is a painting a three-dimensional space, or a flat object?"

*A Focus* provides a summary of his ideas. "The thickly textured spot on the canvas," he explains, "can be seen either as an object or as a hole in the canvas. If it is covered up with one hand the painted head, which before seems to have been looking at the spot, suddenly

focuses its gaze outwards and into the viewer's space."

The paintings in Mulholland's new show challenge the concept of any discrete division between reality and illusion. Intrusive shadows gesture the presence of absences, windows and doorways recede onto illusory spaces beyond, a study of a skull is redolent of vanished ways, and mirrors question the actuality of existence.

"It was D. H. Lawrence's poem *Peach* which most inspired me," Mulholland says. "I have chosen the central conceit of Lawrence's poem which is the fruit's stone — 'Wrinkled with secrets / And hard with intention to keep them — as my central concern."

Peaches, again and again in his paintings, are a medieval symbol of truth. It is the enigma of truth which Mulholland strives to explore. "One day I may decide whether a painting should aim at verisimilitude or expose itself as a flat surface. But at the moment I am caught up with the paradox between the two."

RACHEL CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

• Craig Mulholland is at Duncan P. Miller Fine Art, The Music Room at Grays, 26 St James's Mews, London W1 (071-493 2393) until Friday

# Full-frontal power show

In 1988, the year before he died of Aids-related illness, Robert Mapplethorpe photographed himself with alarming directness. Already gaunt and prematurely lined, his face seems to be suspended in a black void. But he thrusts his right hand towards the lens, clutching a cane surmounted by a miniature skull. The death's head confronts us, its empty eye-sockets and exposed teeth in far sharper focus than the photographer's features behind.

By the time Mapplethorpe took this unsparring picture, he must have known that his own death was imminent. He was only 42, and enjoying greater renown than ever.

No bitterness can be detected in the self-portrait, though. His gaze is steady, devoid of sadness or special pleading. And Mapplethorpe's decision to include the skull rams home his refusal to hide even the most unpalatable aspects of existence.

As the earliest exhibits in his large Hayward Gallery retrospective disclose, frankness was Mapplethorpe's forte from the outset. Even in 1970, when still an art student at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, he made his fascination with the male body brazenly clear. In one collage a young man, naked except for a pair of boots, flaunts himself in a full-frontal pose. The homoerotic nature of the image is clear, and yet Mapplethorpe places a bar across the man's face and a bull's eye over his genitals.

As well as making an impish joke about desire, the bull's eye turns the man into a target. Making explicitly gay art in 1970 was a perilous enterprise, and over the next few years Mapplethorpe's work continued to betray signs of subterfuge.

Maybe an undertow of guilt is detectable; Mapplethorpe grew up, after all, in a large and respectable middle-class Roman Catholic family.

In a six-part Polaroid self-portrait, he juxtaposed seductive images of his own body with photographs of languorous male nudes found in classical statuary. It is, perhaps, the most prophetic of all his early works.

For Mapplethorpe developed as an artist by making his pictures more and more sculptural. When he began to collect turn-of-the-century photography, with his friend and partner Sam Wagstaff, their first acquisition was an album by Baron Wilhelm von Gloeden. The male nudes in Mediterranean settings deliberately stirred memories of antique carvings. When photographing a black nude called Ajito in 1981, Mapplethorpe placed the sinewy model on a plinth-like base and ensured that Ajito echoed a pose found in von Gloeden's album.

The four views of this handsome model add up to a defiant celebration of male beauty.

The very opposite of a photographer who exploits chance and seizes outdoor life on the wing,



*Vibert* (1984) by Robert Mapplethorpe his early death "deprived photography of a singular vision"

Mapplethorpe confined himself largely to a hothouse, studio-bound world. The results are all technically accomplished and, above all, fiercely controlled. But alongside this insistence on polished perfection, Mapplethorpe became increasingly open about his obsession with sex. Well-hung penises play a prominent role throughout the show, whether flaccid or fully aroused.

Sometimes Mapplethorpe is guilty of indulging simply in a callow, and ultimately tedious, desire to shock.

But there are plenty of other, more complex and rewarding images to be discovered within his prolific output. The flower studies he produced during the 1980s show Mapplethorpe at his most severe, isolating tulips, irises and orchids against plain backdrops, shafts of sunlight or geometric forms indebted to hardened abstract paintings. Near the end he began photographing flowers in colour, closing on lusciously tinted poppy petals or the fantastic undulations of a lily.

Even so, the most impressive images often turn out to be portraits. A blanched Isabella Rossellini, apparently drained of blood and surrounded by blackness, proves a hypnotic sitter. So does Roy Lichtenstein, icily composed against a hectic detail from one of his paintings. Mapplethorpe's finest work has a nagging ability to loiter in the mind. By dying far too soon, he deprived contemporary photography of an intense, singular vision which would surely have deepened and become

less reliant on the diminishing attractions of full-frontal exposure.

Elsewhere in the Hayward, Antony Gormley's *Field for the British Isles* makes its triumphant London debut. Having aroused enormous public interest at other showings, both in Britain and abroad, these 35,000 terracotta figures are now crowded into an otherwise stark, white room. Assembled in a more compact space than at their last location in Gateshead, the epic swarm of humanity seems less awesome here. But its overall impact is still impressive. Diminutive and yet overwhelming, these anonymous people stare up at us. Confined to a single doorway, we return their collective gaze.

Towering over them, we could easily conclude that they are frail and defenceless. So indeed they may be, but there is nothing despairing about them. Although they seem confined by the gallery's walls, and menaced by the low, dark ceiling, their faces are supremely expectant. They generate a feeling of suspense which gives the sculpture its remarkable power. And they cannot be pinned down to a simple meaning. Seen as a whole, their bodies come to resemble a colossal carpet, giving off an extraordinary sense of warmth and richness.

*Field for the British Isles* is undoubtedly Gormley's masterpiece, a key sculpture of the 1990s. Its purchase by the Arts Council Collection, with the help of the Henry Moore Foundation and the National Art Collections Fund, is therefore quite a coup. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Arts Council Collection amounts to a distinguished national asset. Its 7,000-strong holdings contain many outstanding works, most of which are lent to travelling exhibitions or museums throughout the country.

The latest acquisitions, apart from Gormley's tour de force, are displayed upstairs at the Hayward. Exuberant abstract paintings by Gillian Ayres and Ian Davenport are countered by tense, mysterious figurative canvases from Gary Hume and Julie Roberts. Sculpture is dominated by Damien Hirst's chulling cage and Rachel Whiteread's burrished resin forms, but alternative media are strongly represented. Bridget Smith's mysterious cinema interior and Catherine Yass's luminous portraits are outstanding among the photographic images. As for Willie Doherty's dour video installation. At *The End of the Day*, its response to the IRA ceasefire takes on a grim irony in the light of recent Northern Ireland events.

• Robert Mapplethorpe, Antony Gormley and the Arts Council Collection are at the Hayward Gallery (071-3149 3149) until Nov 17

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### AROUND THE LONDON ART GALLERIES

SOONER or later in his cradle than nurse uncted desires. Or so Blake says, and Jeremy Ramsey would probably agree with the basic principle. He is a successful businessman, for some years managing director of Rolex in Singapore. But his underlying desire almost throughout his life has been to be an artist. When he turned 60 and moved into a new house which permitted him a proper studio, he decided that it was now or never.

The products of this determination are on show now at the Gallery in Cork Street: everything there was drawn or painted in the past three years. Such a story provokes sympathy, but also some scepticism. Wanting to be an artist is one thing, actually being one quite another. But Ramsey, as well

as having some talent to build on, has also had art training, until he had to give up his early ambitions to be a full-time artist and could not be content with bumbling along as a Sunday painter. Clearly going back to painting was simply like flicking a switch and flooding his whole life with light.

Indeed, light is the operative

word. Having spent nearly all of his adult life in Singapore, he is saturated with the intense, tropical colours of the place. Obviously he loves Matisse; more subtly, he has taken aboard the Hockney of the Los Angeles years. But these influences have been absorbed and Ramsey has achieved a style of his own, summoning up a vivid world of exotic plants and creatures, or venturing boldly into ab-

straction. Also, which is not necessarily the case with colourists, he can draw beautifully; his large drawings of oriental men and women dressed and undressed, have a classic directness and economy. Definitely a serious artist.

*The Gallery* in Cork Street, 28

Cork Street, W1 (071-268 8408), 10am-6pm until Friday.

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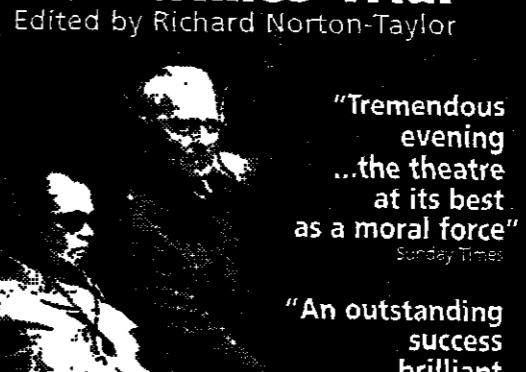
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# 'My dream has been fulfilled'

John Allison talks to 93-year-old composer Berthold Goldschmidt about his belated rise to fame

At the age of 93, Berthold Goldschmidt considers himself a happy man. He is frail, but his quiet sense of humour and large, laughing eyes are undimmed, and after disappointments on a scale that would have left most people embittered he is amused by his recently acquired status as a famous composer. "I honestly think it's very funny. If I had died ten years ago, none of this would have happened."

By "this" he means an extraordinary renewal of interest in his music. After struggles lasting more than half a century, all he frets about now is the title of Decca's new recording — *The Goldschmidt Album*.

"I didn't want to sound like a pop composer and I'm still not happy with the word 'album' and its associations." But the word is being used in a literal sense: this album contains a series of musical pictures spanning his creative life, from the 1925 *Passacaglia* to the 1995 *Rondeau*.

Goldschmidt was born early in 1903 and grew up in Hamburg. While still a teenager he was offered a place in Schoenberg's composition class, but instead he headed

to Berlin to study with Franz Schreker.

But Busoni was to prove a greater influence. "He said: 'If you are going to be a composer, always keep in mind that counterpoint is essential to give structure to a piece of music. But always write in a melodic polyphonic style, not just a cerebral one.' That shaped my musical personality from the very beginning."

Although a successful composer, Goldschmidt had to supplement his income during the years of violent inflation in Weimar Germany. He played celesta in the Berlin Philharmonic and at the Staatsoper in the 1925 premiere of Berg's *Wozzeck*.

He conducted operas at Darmstadt, and put this theoretical knowledge to use in composing his first opera, *Der gewaltige Hahnrei* ("The Mighty Cuckold").

*Hahnrei* was to be the last opera by a Jewish composer premiered in Germany before Hitler came to power, and in 1935 he was interrogated by the Gestapo. Within a week he made for London, moving into the Belsize Park flat he still occupies.

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ed a sturdy backbone for this ensemble-dominated work.

Their colleagues in the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra offered a generally accurate account of the score reflecting the conductor's urgency and sense of dramatic sweep.

Hickox's handling of *The Dream of Gerontius* on Friday night was equally exhilarating. Motifs were picked out and the characterisation of devils highlighted in truly operatic style. Yet the whole had a majestic symphonic cohesion. From the members of the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, alert and well-drilled, provided

coaxed finely nuanced, flexibly phrased playing.

John Alers' Gerontius was thin of tone, over-generous in vibrato and under-characterised. Much of his part emerged in an all-purpose mezzo forte, in which invocations, fear and wonder all sounded rather similar.

Jean Rigby's Angel also began somewhat stiffly. Later on, she settled more into the part, but it was Peter Coleman-Wright, as Priest and Angel of the Agony, who once again delivered the most commanding yet word-sensitive line. The London Symphony Chorus was responsive and precise, admirable both in hushed celestial semi-choruses and in demonic guise.

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RACING: PROGRESSIVE FOUR-YEAR-OLD AIMS AT JOCKEY CLUB CUP BEFORE TACKLING MAJOR STAYING EVENTS NEXT SEASON

# Morley counts Celeric out of Melbourne Cup

By RICHARD EVANS

RACING CORRESPONDENT

CELERIC, one of the most improved stayers in training, will forego a crack at the Melbourne Cup in November so as not to prejudice an ambitious cup campaign in Britain next year.

The four-year-old, bred and owned by Christopher Spence, has won four races this term, including the Northumberland Plate and two listed events at York before finishing second to Double Trigger in the Doncaster Cup. He had been allocated a lenient-looking 88lb 9lb for Australia's famous handicap.

David Morley, Celeric's trainer, explained yesterday: "He is only a four-year-old and I hope he will be an even better horse next year. Sesame [his half-sister] certainly was and I just feel, from the horse's point of view, next year's campaign could be prejudiced by sending him on the long

journey to Australia. Maybe we are making a terrible mistake."

"I talked over the weekend to Dermot Weld's son, Mark, who went out to Australia every time Vintage Crop ran. He stressed how everything needed to go right — you can't have any slip-ups — and how

again until the middle of next year, around Ascot time. If Celeric is good enough, it would be nice to think in terms of the Ascot Gold Cup instead, but if he ran well without winning Melbourne could be the favoured option."

Instead of the journey to Australia, Celeric will finish the season by competing for the Jockey Club Cup over two miles at Newmarket on October 5.

The defection of Celeric leaves a question mark over the strength of the British challenge for the Melbourne Cup. Jeff Smith and Ian Balding, owner and trainer respectively of Grey Shot, are expected to make a decision on the participation of their Goodwood Cup winner in the next few days. Intended runners have to go into quarantine the day after the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

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Court of Honour, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and owned by Robert Sangster, is another possible runner. He races at Haydock on Friday. Meanwhile, Kutta represents Hamdan Al-Maktoum — who has won the Melbourne Cup twice, with Al Talaaq and Jeune — after dead-heating with Ballynakelly at Newbury on Saturday.

Celeric, nearside, will miss the Melbourne Cup to concentrate on the cup races next term. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

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(4.35 Nottingham)

the race and journey take a lot out of horses."

Morley added: "My horse is still a little bit immature. He is terribly babyish and, physically, he will improve. We would be taking a big chance by sending him. If we did send him, the experience of Vintage Crop suggests you could not think of running him in a race

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4 (2) 0-23268 MOUNT PLEASANT 6 (F) Mrs A Bessell 9-0... R Perfom 95  
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FORM FOCUS

CRICKET: UNLIKELY TOP TWO IN CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED WHIFF OF ROMANCE

# Poor vintage leaves taste of mediocrity

Alan Lee on a season that further underlined the need for reform of the domestic game

If autumn seems less poignant than usual this year, it is because there is less to be wistful about. Parents of Grace Road will beg to differ, and those who watch their cricket at Derby, Headington or the Oval will have their winter-warmer memories, but the 1996 season, strictly judged, will rate pretty low on the vintage list.

Internationally, it was always going to be a season in shadow. India, for all their charm, do not possess popular appeal and the European football championship relegated their visit still further. By the time a regrettably brief series against Pakistan began, the nation was willing from the Olympic Games and England were being depressingly outplayed.

It would have taken a county season of distinction to redeem this indifference and the one just past did not qualify. The championship was occasionally exciting, often intriguing and also had a romantic ending — who could possibly have predicted that Leicestershire and Derbyshire would finish first and second? But there was disappointingly little to stir belief in a brighter future.

Too many of the supposedly powerful counties performed poorly and, despite the improvements brought by a four-day championship with points for a draw, a good deal of the cricket remained a case of going through the motions. This will not be improved until there is a restructuring more fundamental than any I expect to emerge from the working party due to sit in judgment on the domestic programme this winter.

There is an obvious need to shed one of the three limited-overs

competitions. One knockout tournament is plainly sufficient and the anachronism of a showpiece cup final in September must end. Taking it away from Lord's would be like staging the FA Cup Final away from Wembley, but at Lord's the September pitches rarely pass muster. Play the one knockout final in early August and leave the closing weeks to championship cricket.

At least, for next year, good sense has prevailed on scheduling and two-thirds of championship fixtures will run uninterrupted, from Wednesday to Saturday. With members prepared to grumble if the weekend entertainment is diminished, there is more need than ever for clubs to produce pitches designed to last four days, rather than simply to produce a result.

Overall, the standard of surfaces improved this year and, allied to the incentive to draw when victory was unattainable, that meant that many fewer games were settled embarrassingly early. Lancashire drew more than half their matches, though this was not due to immaculate pitches: the square at Old Trafford eventually resembled a football goalmouth in February and is but one of several thorny problems to be tackled this winter by the biggest, most influential club in the country.

Lancashire exemplify what is

wrong with the English game. They have a team capable of many things but, because they have regularly won knockout trophies, they have subconsciously settled for this at the expense of the more exacting cricket of the championship. The members' forum they are to stage at Old Trafford next week promises to be a lively evening.

Warwickshire, champions for the past two summers, faded to eighth place this year and finished without a trophy for the first time since 1992. Dermot Reeve has retired, heading a list of departures from the county game that also includes Mark Benson, John Childs, John Carr, Paul Terry, Phil Bainbridge, Colin Wells and Steve Barwick.

Reeve is likely to re-emerge at Taunton next year, charged with restoring order in the Somerset dressing-room after the bloodletting that has recently claimed the captain, Andy Hayhurst, and the coach, Bob Cottam. There will also be management changes at Durham, above and beyond the engagement of Mark Boon as captain next year.

By turning for inspiration to an Australian, Durham are following a trend. On the field, Dean Jones, Michael Bevan, Stuart Law and Shane Lee were among the most effective of overseas players this year; in the background, Dave Gilbert at Surrey, Daryl Foster at Kent and Les Stillman, Jones's partner at Derby, were innovative and influential coaches.

The revivals of Surrey, who won the Sunday league, and Yorkshire, will surely not have to go empty-handed next year, were heartening, for these are powerful

clubs demanding teams to match. By contrast, Derbyshire, probably the smallest club in the country and recently all but bankrupt, performed an anthem for the underdog.

Derbyshire, like Surrey, lacked a match-winning spin bowler and it is this area of the game that requires urgent attention. The

dearth of spin, and the lack of encouragement from pitches, is evidenced by the fact that either of these sides might have won the championship. For this reason, if no other, Leicestershire were wiser to rapidly aspire, for there is a point when admiration of a national institution turns to unflattering analysis of where this leaves wicketkeepers.

The most inspirational aspect of



Ronnie Irani, Graham Gooch and Alec Stewart, respectively winners of the best all-rounder, best batsman and cricketer of the year awards in the 1996 Whyte & Mackay rankings

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Powell in charge for first match

DARYL POWELL, the Keighley player-coach, will captain the Great Britain XIII in the opening game of their rugby league tour of Oceania against a Papua New Guinea President's XIII at Mount Hagen early tomorrow. The team named by Phil Lander, the coach, provides a clear indication of who has been earmarked to play in the international in Lao on Saturday.

Keiron Cunningham, 19, the St Helens hooker who is a member of the touring party, has withdrawn the transfer request that he made last month and signed a revised four-year contract.

GREAT BRITAIN XIX: Precise Paper Manufacturer, Cricket: Powell (captain), Smith, M. D. Morris, Motot, Clegg, Bradburn, and Substitutes: P. Lander, Keighley, Money

### Radford guilty

Cricket: Neal Radford, the former England fast bowler, has been found guilty of racial abuse while playing for Banbury against Oxford in a Chelwell League match on August 10. Radford, 39, who enjoyed a distinguished career with Lancashire and Worcestershire, admitted during a disciplinary hearing that he called Rupert Evans, the captain of Oxford, "a black bastard". Banbury have been deducted ten points for the start of the 1997 season.

### Minali again

Cycling: Nicola Minali, of Italy, yesterday won the sixteenth stage of the Tour of Spain, the 222 kilometres from Logrono to Sabinango, from Stefan Wiesemann, of Germany, and Tom Steels, of Belgium. It was Minali's fourth stage victory, but Alex Zulle, of Switzerland, retained the overall lead.

## FINAL 1996 FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

### Batting

Qualification: Six completed innings

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	100	50	C/s
1 S C Ganguly (India)	9	14	6	782	136	65.25	3	4	1
2 S Gooch (Essex)	17	30	1	194	201	67.03	5	4	18
3 G Pooch (Gloucestershire)	8	15	1	165	165	65.00	2	2	5
4 A Hopton (Somerset)	17	29	1	165	165	65.00	2	2	5
5 S Inzamam-ul-Haq (Pakistan)	9	14	2	122	169	66.50	3	4	6
6 T M Bave (Yorkshire)	7	22	3	122	64	64.00	2	2	5
7 G P T Batsford (Gloucestershire)	16	11	1	707	101	63.33	1	1	5
8 D R Batsford (Somerset)	16	10	1	186	82	62.70	1	1	5
9 M P Maynard (Gloucestershire)	17	30	4	161	92	62.67	2	2	20
10 S Lee (Somerset)	17	25	4	130	167	61.92	1	1	14
11 D R Batsford (Gloucestershire)	17	25	4	130	167	61.92	1	1	14
12 D R Batsford (Somerset)	17	25	4	130	167	61.92	1	1	14
13 M J Walker (Kent)	8	13	3	506	275	61.00	1	1	14
14 K M Kumar (Norfolk)	15	23	7	1245	591	59.14	2	2	14
15 D N Crook (South Africa A)	7	11	1	151	151	56.50	1	1	14
16 J H Tait (Norfolk)	18	23	2	1244	244	56.50	1	1	14
17 H Morris (Gloucestershire)	16	23	2	1244	244	56.50	1	1	14
18 W S Kordal (Hampshire)	12	22	3	1045	145	55.00	2	2	13
19 J H Whitaker (Leicestershire)	16	23	3	1052	174	54.67	2	2	13
20 N A Sadiq (Pakistan)	17	30	3	1242	236	54.00	2	2	13
21 C J Adams (Derbyshire)	17	25	4	1242	236	54.00	2	2	13
22 W H House (Cambridge Uni)	8	15	5	1245	236	54.00	2	2	13
23 D M Morris (Derbyshire)	17	24	5	1245	236	54.00	2	2	13
24 P A Cokely (Gloucestershire)	19	31	6	1543	231	51.43	4	9	12
25 M J Moody (Worcestershire)	19	31	6	1543	231	51.43	4	9	12
26 D R Batsford (Gloucestershire)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
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28 J P Crowley (Lancashire)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
29 D R Batsford (Norfolk)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
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37 E T Smith (Norfolk)	7	12	1	101	171	48.00	2	2	13
38 D J Stewart (Somerset)	7	9	1	101	171	48.00	2	2	13
39 D J Stewart (Somerset)	7	9	1	101	171	48.00	2	2	13
40 S P James (Gloucestershire)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
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45 A C Ridley (Oxford Univ)	7	9	1	101	171	48.00	2	2	13
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49 S M Ali (Pakistan)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
50 A P Robinson (Norfolk)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
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53 G A Hick (Worcestershire)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
54 S R Sadiq (Norfolk)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
55 D J Jackson (Somerset)	17	24	5	1247	232	50.88	2	2	13
56 V J Wells (Leicestershire)	20	30	6	1247	232				

## Ferguson to miss key month ahead for Everton

By PETER BALL

PROBLEMS are piling up for Duncan Ferguson, Everton's Scotland international forward. Yesterday it emerged that a combination of an exploratory knee operation and a two-game suspension after being sent off at Blackburn Rovers on Saturday, could rule him out for a month.

Ferguson's knee injury makes him doubtful for the Coca-Cola Cup second round, second leg at York City, to-night. With Ebbrell out and Rideout and Short also doubtful, there is every incentive for Everton to patch him up for one more game.

"We're down to the bare bones, the problems are mounting daily," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said yesterday. "But this is a game we have to win, we are desperate to stay in the competition."

If Ferguson does miss it, he is expected to have the operation tomorrow, and will miss the game on Saturday against Sheffield Wednesday and, probably, two World Cup qualifying matches for Scotland next month.

"It's a blow to us and a blow to him," Royle said. "But he hasn't been happy since the first week of the season. He's soldiered on, but it needs sorting out."

Ferguson will now also miss two league games next month — including the Merseyside derby — through suspension. David Elleray, the referee at Ewood Park, confirmed that he was sent off against Blackburn for "foul and abusive language", a red card offence carrying a two-game ban, rather than for two yellow cards. The news may prompt Royle to revive his interest in Dean Holdsworth, of Wimbledon.

Manchester City are no closer to finding a manager, but they had one piece of good news yesterday when Arsenal gave Eddie McGoldrick, on loan at Maine Road, permission to play in tonight's Coca-Cola Cup tie with Lincoln City. Kinkladze, though, is said to be doubtful.

Gary Poole, the Birmingham City defender, has been given an instant suspension by the Football Association after he was sent off for pushing a referee on Saturday. The incident took place after Richard Poulsen had awarded Manchester City a last-minute penalty at Maine Road.

Poole will now miss the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Coventry City tonight and the home game with Queens Park Rangers on Saturday.

The FA is also looking into the crowd trouble that followed the incident. Birmingham are already under a suspended sentence of playing one game behind closed doors.

## Robson's revival aided by elixir of youth

BOBBY ROBSON must thank his lucky star that, with Barcelona's cash, a pensioner can buy youth. As rain poured down on the Nou Camp on Sunday night, flooding the pitch and cutting out the floodlights for almost half an hour, his expensive team was having an almighty job trying to repress the Basques determine of Real Sociedad.

But then the youth of Robson's summer buying, Ronaldinho, the £15 million Brazilian, produced two flickers of his match-winning flair so that Barcelona, joint top of the Spanish League, squelched out a 3-2 victory.

As the teams slithered on a virtually waterlogged pitch, Robson lost the carefree countenance we had seen during high summer when he so enjoyed moonlighting as a columnist for *The Times*. Back on duty in Barcelona, his 63 years were catching up, his features taking on the worries that once seemed to age him overnight when he managed England.

Up above him, at his back, sat Johan Cruyff, deposed as coach and still trying legal means to get his fiscal pound of flesh from the club. And higher still, Josep Lluis Nunez, whose dour looks were those of a demanding club president, a man impatient to see a return on a summer that had rained pesetas on Robson's rebuilding of three quarters of the Catalan team.

In defence, Vitor Baia, brought by Robson from his previous club, FC Porto, was overworked, at times overanxious behind Fernando Couto and Laurent Blanc. Those three foreign players scarcely yet on speaking terms, looked vulnerable and demonstrated why, despite three wins and a draw from four games, the worry lines are growing for the coach, Robson.

The trouble was that Sociedad adapted better to the farcical conditions. Sergi, Barcelona's galvanic left back, who had given Gary Neville such a torrid first half during Euro 96, was to slide on his

so was a substitute, Pizzi, capitalising on the return to the field of Sergi and a lapse by the Sociedad goalkeeper, Lopez. But still Sociedad threatened, still Couto seemed to ball-watch. Finally, two minutes from time, his mother watching from the main stand, Ronaldinho struck again.

He really is remarkable, this big lad who was 20 on Sunday. At times looking gawky and unhappy in the wet conditions, he was to transcend the night. First he produced a delicate, accurate back-heel — Cantonesque in its invention. De la Peña, his colleague, knew what was wanted. He returned the ball instantly. Ronaldinho had skipped into a yard of space and, as the goalkeeper advanced, the Brazilian controlled the ball on his chest and almost delicately, certainly deliberately, he manoeuvred away from the groping goalkeeper and touched the ball in.

There was time for another Couto error. Time for

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Sociedad to score from a penalty... but no time for Robson's team to lose the match. Robson has already said that Barcelona is almost as demanding as a national side, for Barcelona belongs, politically and emotionally, to the whole of Catalonia. The pressures are commensurate. The spending is extraordinary and the affinity between Robson and his youngest recruit, Ronaldinho, is finding out how difficult it is to maintain traditions.

He team had lost at home to Porto in the European Cup Champions' League and was struggling at Bologna last Sunday before "the goal brothers", George Weah and Marco

Simon, got their act together.

Each scored a goal — they now have shared ten in six matches — and by all accounts they share a social life. Just as well, for Edgar Davids, the player sent home for insubordination by Holland during the European championship, lasted only a few minutes as a substitute before being sent off again for injudicious use of the mouth.

Things are not what they

are seen. Arsenal, in

transit to Germany for the

second leg of their Uefa Cup

game against Borussia

Mönchengladbach, liked the

sound of the Gladbachers

going down 0-4 in the

Bundesliga the weekend be-

fore last. They will not have

been so enamoured with

Mönchengladbach's astonishing

5-1 victory last Saturday

over Germany's champion

club, Borussia Dortmund.

Suddenly the porous German

defence seems to have stiffened just as Arsène Wenger

travels abroad with Arsenal.

## Batty aims to atone for moment of madness in Moscow

FROM DAVID MADDOCK  
IN HALMSTADS, SWEDEN

IF DAVID BATTY was looking a little sheepish at Newcastle airport yesterday, he had good cause. His last trip to Europe found him trading blows with his then team-mate, Graeme Le Saux. It is an enduring image, that night last November, when Blackburn Rovers embarrassed themselves and their country in Moscow as they laboured in the European Cup.

It is an incident that Batty has found hard to live down, but he is trying and is glad of the opportunity to do so with Newcastle United, for whom he will make a belated European debut tonight. He missed the first leg of their Uefa Cup tie against Halmstads because of the ban imposed after what he accepts was a moment of madness in Moscow.

He bears the legacy, not just from the embarrassment caused by his outburst, but the way Blackburn submitted to a 3-0 defeat. "It was a shameful night all round," he said yesterday. "I paid the price for the fight with my ban, but it hurts that the continentals still see English football as being second-rate — partly because of our European Cup displays."

Batty, a seasoned international campaigner, believes that Newcastle, along with other English clubs, have the talent and technique to disprove the popular theory that the FA Carling Premiership is no breeding ground for potential European champions.

"We have the players to show them it's not the case," he said of Newcastle. "The talent is there." That is certainly true of the contest against a Halmstads side of part-timers whose only ambition is to enjoy a break from occupations such as grave-digging and fire-fighting. Beyond that is not so certain.

More relevant from this first-round tie is the team that Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, will select. He has Ginola and Beardsley — and maybe Ferdinand — absent through injury, which will give Keith Gillespie and Fausto Asprilla a chance to lay claim to a first-team place.

For Gillespie, in particular, who has been in danger of frittering away his fledgeling career as he fights a well-publicised gambling compulsion, the chance cannot come soon enough.

"Things haven't gone right for me all year, but I am hoping that particular episode will soon be put completely behind me if I can just get a chance of first-team football," he said.

"It is very hard when you're not in the team, but my faith in my ability to make it is still there. I have waited for my chance and when it comes I know I am ready."

### FOOTBALL

## Southgate ready to be put on spot if Villa travel badly

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN

IT IS a nightmare scenario, yet one that Gareth Southgate, the Aston Villa defender, will confront with typical sangfroid. If Villa draw 1-1 against Helsingborgs IF tonight, here in the Olympia Stadium in southern Sweden, their Uefa Cup first-round, second-leg tie will go to a penalty shoot-out. Southgate, unquestionably, will be among the first to offer his services.

Penalties and Southgate are uncomfortable bedfellows. He will not forget, and will probably never be allowed to, his squandered spot kick against Germany in the semi-finals of Euro 96 three months ago. Yet

he still believes in this much-criticised method of deciding matches and, should the need arise this evening, he will again volunteer for action.

"My miss against Germany has, at times, been difficult to live with," he said. "I don't suppose it will ever go away completely but I'm getting through it and I'm trying to put it behind me."

A penalty shoot-out is probably the best way to settle games. It's certainly better than tossing a coin. And the sudden-death 'golden goal' hasn't really worked as well as people thought it might, either. If we have to take

it, then they held on to their early 1-0 lead, provided by Tommy Johnson, Villa's return task against Helsingborg might have proved more comfortable. Though well-organised and industrious, the Swedish part-timers appear to have limited ability and ambition. Yet by allowing a late equaliser, from Peter Whiran, Villa's mission has been complicated. A 0-0 draw will not be enough.

"I suppose 2-2 would be OK but we have to go for the win. We can't really look at it any other way," Little said. "I'm not sure how Helsingborg will play, whether they'll try to protect what they've got or whether they'll go for it, but we'll have to score goals whatever. It's no different to the way we go into league games — we always go out to try to win — but if it doesn't work then so be it. If it doesn't happen, at least we will have learnt from the experience."

Philosophical, almost fatalistic, yet Little's underdemonstrative manner belies a fierce

determination to show that Villa's revival, since he joined the club 22 months ago, can be carried over successfully on to the European stage. Patience will be the key, with Southgate also wary that an unrestrained gung-ho approach could lead to self-destruction.

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determination to show that Villa's revival, since he joined the club 22 months ago, can be carried over successfully on to the European stage. Patience will be the key, with Southgate also wary that an unrestrained gung-ho approach could lead to self-destruction.

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A year in the life of a Premier League club, part two: Tottenham caught in tale of two transfers

## Ruddock on move after Hall strikes a deal on wheels

**D**uring that turbulent summer of 1993, Spurs defender Neil Ruddock was more vociferous than most about the perceived injustice many of the players felt over the Terry Venables sacking. His outspoken views in the media took the player into direct conflict with his chairman and, after that, there could only ever be one outcome. Ruddock's agent, Eric Hall, helped engineer the player's departure from White Hart Lane, and his story of that move gives an insight into the machinations of transfer brokering.

"If Terry Venables had stayed," begins Eric, "then Neil would have stayed. But he didn't like Alan Sugar. Terry Venables was negotiating a new deal for Ruddock prior to his sacking. Terry Venables knew the old show-business trick — you don't wait until your stars come knocking at your door for an improved deal; if they're doing well, you call them in and negotiate a new deal."

But before Venables could offer Ruddock anything, the bust-up with Sugar came to a head and Venables was fired. Hall takes up the narrative: "Neil and his father-in-law, Paul Bennett, had a meeting scheduled at Alan Sugar's house. I met them prior to that meeting, at the Swallow Hotel in Waltham Abbey, when I told them what to say and what to do."

"When they returned, they confirmed they had done what I'd asked them to, but Sugar was having none of it. They were told that Ossie [Ardiles] would see them tomorrow to convey any improved offer."

But Ossie's offer was not what Ruddock had been hoping for. The player felt let down and put in a transfer request. Almost immediately, Sugar circulated a memo within the club intimating that Ruddock could go if he so wished. With hindsight, Sugar must regret the haste with

which he allowed Ruddock to leave.

"As a last resort, Tottenham could have simply refused Ruddock's request and made him see out the remaining three years of his contract. The swiftness with which the post-Venables trauma blew over once Ossie arrived and got a few wins under his belt suggests that stance would have been best for the long-

term interests of the club. Hall agrees: "Sugar could have dug his heels in and told Ruddock the new offer was the best the club were going to make."

"He could have told the player, 'Look, it's more than you are getting now. Take it or leave it; but if you leave it, you're still here!'" But Sugar apparently made a snap decision that the troublesome player could go, and that was that. "Typical Sugar," quips Hall, "act in haste, repent at leisure."

It was just a question of the club getting the most they could from the transaction. "To be fair to Sugar," concedes Hall, "he didn't play games. He set a price, £2.5 million, and that was it. First in, first served type of thing. The first to react were Ray.

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# Mysterious affair of a suspicious journalist

We have had the Journalist As Hero so many times on television that it's a shock when a programme like last night's *Cutting Edge* comes along (Channel 4) to give us Journalist as Sad Broad. "Get a life," I kept telling Tom Tanner, the writer at the centre of this film. Good grief, he seemed to spend all his waking hours investigating a little old lady in Hampstead who occasionally (three or four times in 20 years) benefited from hastily changed wills. "You should get out more," I advised. "There are fine theatres and cinemas in Hampstead; also many restaurants!" But he sat grimly in his home, tapping the keyboard of his Powerbook and leafing through cuttings under a pool of lamplight, as if in pursuit of a Nazi war criminal who had so far eluded justice.

I just couldn't see his problem. This little old lady — Sybil Dredge-Owen — had produced a scrappy

handwritten will after the death of one Walter Joslin, and copped all his doh. Joslin's neighbours and sole surviving relative smelt a rat ("uncharacteristic" they said), yet it was quite apparent that the will was not forged, or anything so sinister — Joslin had signed it in an art shop with two witnesses, and had signed a similar version in Waterstone's. Had she exerted "undue influence," then? Well, she sounded like the sort of woman who exerts undue influence in a Post Office queue — pushy, manipulative, garrulous. But there is no law against it, or we wouldn't have a House of Commons.

However, Tanner (that sad man) evidently felt it his duty to expose the woman on television, which is apparently his democratic right. He retraced her career, finding her the beneficiary (or attempted beneficiary) of other men's wills, and choosing her patsies with appreciable wit. When she targeted the

writer L.P. Hartley, for example, he had just published a novel called *The Will and the Way*. She also approached Bodkin Adams, the infamous doctor convicted of murdering a patient for the money. I imagine her this week engrossed in the tribulations of Dr Richard Locke in *The Archers* — suspected of interested negligence in the case of "Old Mrs Barracough" — the Bodkin Adams of Borseshire. It would seem to be right up her street.

I suppose we should all be warned, that's all. Look out for a small, plausible woman in a headscarf who will talk you into writing a new will. When you offer her a biscuit, she will put the whole packet in her handbag, so she's easy to spot. Perhaps Tanner wanted to hint at worse, and wasn't allowed to. I don't know. But as it stood, his interest really did seem unhealthy and unjusti-



## REVIEW

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fied, and his findings too feeble for an hour of prime-time telly.

On BBC2, *People's Century* reached 1948 and postwar boom — the first and only optimistic period in the whole hundred years, so no wonder it was enjoyable. Italians bought washing-machines, Germans made cars, and Americans gave us the money under the Marshall Plan. "Mummy," piped a schoolboy in a public informa-

tion film, "do you think this American aid is a good thing?" (Schoolboys were so different in those days.) Gratifyingly, Mummy set down her shopping, and snapped, "I've no idea. You'd better ask your father. I've got far too much else to do."

This was an excellent instalment — all black-and-white telly advertising and factory floors, with the American footage in grainy colour to underline the difference in lifestyles. As always, however, it was possible to be distracted by the discreet soundtrack added to the footage — an artifice which always draws attention to itself, in my opinion. A Neapolitan woman scrabbling in a bomb site tosses aside a piece of timber. "Dink," it goes. Well, how many other noises did they try before settling for that one? "Plank" and "Plank" must surely have made it to the last three. And do they have different station hubbub noises for different

nationalities? There's a hiss of steam, a murmur, a cycle bell. But surely the Italians make a different rhubarb noise from the English — even if the final effect is of a crowd heard through a tank of water?

The clever trick of *People's Century* is to track down ordinary people who participated in big news events. The Marshall Plan gave a tractor to a French farmer — 50 years later, his son remembers the difference it made. A huge milling machine from Chicago arrives in Turin, its trundling juggernaut progress watched by thousands — we interview the man on the spot! And meanwhile the blokes in the soundproofed room with the tray of gravel and clip-clop coconuts continue to have a high old time.

In its second series, *Game On* (BBC2) has turned schematic, but to good effect. Writers Andrew Davies and Bernadette Davis have

rewarded virginal Martin (Matthew Cottle) with a lusty Irish girlfriend; and exposed Mandy (Samantha Janus) and Matthew (Neil Stuke) to their worst sexual nightmares: respectively celibacy and homoeroticism. When I requested a tape of *Game On* from the BBC, they warned me not to expect "the usual Andrew Davies" — meaning *Middlemarch*, I suppose, from which all references to "shagging" and "sad b\*\*ds" were tastefully excised.

Being entirely centred on sex, *Game On* can be that rare thing: a perfect sit-com. If the action rarely leaves the flat, blame dramatic choice, not cheap production. The characters are great; their situations heightened, but still recognisable. Mandy brings her Italian rutor home, and panics. "You don't have to sleep with him," advises Matthew. She screws up her face. "But he's in the flat now," she whines.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Business Breakfast (56618)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (87988)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (823705)

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (325949)

9.45 Kirby (s) (1908705)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (56434)

11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (4297637)

11.05 Liberal Democratic Conference 96. Live coverage from Brighton including a debate on home affairs (s). Includes news and weather at midday (7200174)

1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (80078)

1.30 Regional News and weather (4594045)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (32218434)

2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (588327) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1412705) 3.00 The Terrace (s) (8786)

3.30 Brum (r) (s) (5943873) 3.40 Ronald the Reindeer (s) (4011637) 3.50 The All New Poppy Show (r) (Ceefax) (783415) 4.10 Doctor's Orchestra (Ceefax) (s) (7200176) 4.35 Grange Hall (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4426182) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7512288)

5.10 **CHOICE** Byker Grove. New series of the drama set in a community centre (Ceefax) (2229057)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4716182)

6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (811)

6.30 Regional news magazines (163)

7.00 **CLASSICS** Holiday. Jill Dando returns with a new series of the travel show (Ceefax) (s) (3065)

7.30 EastEnders. Phil is having a few problems remembering just exactly what it was he did last night, while Kathy is shocked to discover what has been happening to Ian and Cindy's marriage. Lorraine becomes concerned by Joe's increasingly odd behaviour (Ceefax) (s) (3347)

8.00 Sportsnight Special. Live coverage of the second-leg Uefa Cup match between Helsingborgs and Aston Villa from Sweden (s) (16975255)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to change and alteration

9.55 News, regional news and weather (Ceefax) (2960)

10.25 FILM: Payoff (1943) starring Lee Tracy, Tom Brown, Tina Thayer, Evelyn Brent, and Jack La Rue. Lee Tracy, whose career was on the decline, delivers a fine performance in this otherwise disappointing thriller, as a journalist who turns detective to track down an assassin who murdered a lawyer involved in an important court case. Directed by Arthur Dreifuss (Ceefax) (618328)

12.20 FILM: Affairs with a Stranger (1953, b/w) Romantic comedy starring Jean Simmons, Victor Mature and Margee Moore. Margee Moore and Nickie Joy, a group of friends, reminisce about the moment when a hill playwright and his wife were on the point of divorce. Simmons and Mature are a successful pairing but the rest of the cast seem sedate and the fun doesn't always catch fire. Directed by Roy Rowland (3311459)

1.35-1.40am Weather (7658767)

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6.00am Open University: Understanding Space and Time — Shades of Black (2924705) 6.25 Polar Oceans (2393640) 6.50 The Captain Reet (2893393)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (5315434)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9867724) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2819860) 8.20 Fireman Sam (671027) 8.35 Leslies (2284843)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Standard Grade Design (5201347) 9.20 The RE Collection (5534881) 9.45 Watch (517618) 10.00 Playdays (54540) 10.30 Come Outside (5201348) 11.05 Space Ark (2785602) 11.15 Clementine (5030811) 11.30 GMNO TV (1095) 12.00 See Heart (45328) 12.30pm Working Lunch (78417) 1.00 Teaching Today (88618) 1.30 Showcase (4594057)

1.40 Hotch Potch House (2216076) 2.00 Fireman Sam (5103805)

2.10 Liberal Democratic Conference (482057) 3.65 News (Ceefax) and weather (4428434)

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5.60 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (419250)

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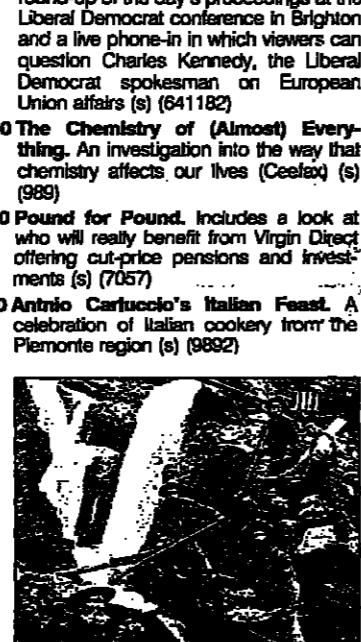
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## Peace moves give Carling a route back

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, AND MARK SOISTER

WILL CARLING was restored to the England rugby union training squad yesterday after a weekend that suggested some faint signs of sanity returning to the sport. English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) has given the training session at Bisham Abbey tomorrow its blessing and, moreover, it has been represented at a meeting with the traditional governors of rugby to plot a united way forward into Europe.

The return of Carling, and his long-term partner in the England midfield, Jeremy Guscott, had been widely predicted after their omission from the July training squad and the group that would have gathered at Bisham earlier this month but for the intervention of Epruc, which kept all the selected players away. It will, nonetheless, be a relief for the man who stepped down as England captain last March after a world-record 59 appearances in that role.

At the age of 30, he is not ready to give up international rugby just yet, and has set about proving it with Harlequins this season. "I'm very pleased to be back in the squad," he said. "I have trained hard, both before the start of the season and this month, and I believe I have generally played well in the games so far. I am enjoying my rugby and I will be looking forward to attending the squad training as much as when I was still uncapped."

If Carling's form, as a centre

and, unexpectedly, as a goalkicker, has been good, Guscott's has been even better. He has recovered the zip that some believed had been permanently lost after his absence through injury from the 1993-94 season. He returns on merit, though other experienced players — Roy Underwood, Dean Richards and Jonathan Caillard among them — remain on the outside.

More significant than the return of Carling and Guscott, and the addition of the talented Northampton utility back, Nick Neal, to the squad, are the soothing noises emanating from the Epruc leadership — coincidentally on the same day that the leading players in Scotland intimated a desire to reach contractual agreements with the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), if, in its turn, the SRU could accommodate some of



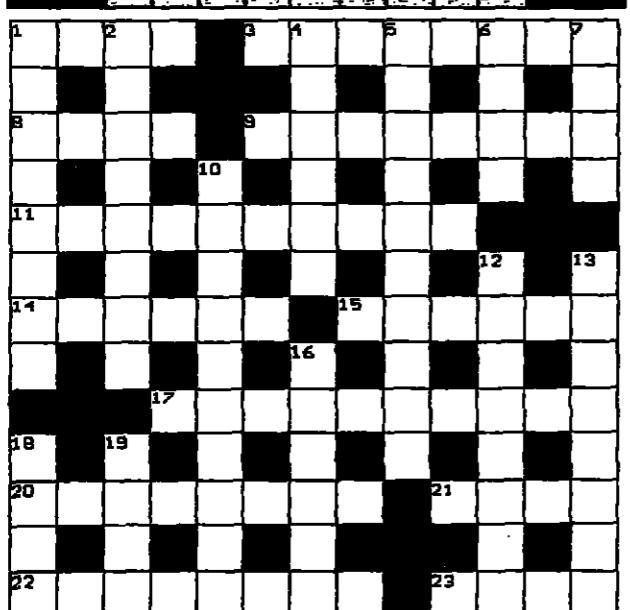
Guscott: recalled on merit

## ENGLAND TRAINING SQUAD

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FORWARDS: D Garforth (Leicester), R Hardwick (Coventry), J Leonard (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), R Cockayne (Harlequins), P Greenwood (Glasgow), M McCarthy (Bath), M Rees (Bristol), G Archer (Newcastle), J Fowler (Sale), M Johnson (Leicester), S Shaw (Bristol), D Sims (Gloucester), R West (Richmond), B Clarke (Richmond), M Connolly (Leicester), S Doherty (Leicester), S Doherty (Saracens), R Hill (Saracens), S Ojomoh (Bath), T Rodden (Northampton), P Scrivener (Wasps), P Sheasby (Wasps).

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- Workmen's temp. frame (8)
- Absent; having been launched (4)
- Something commemorative (8)
- Struggling with dilemma (2,3,5)
- Level of confidence (6)
- Grinder of grain (6)
- Loved one (10)
- To empty (danger site) (8)
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- Threatening (8)
- Awareness, attention (4)

DOWN

- Personal magnetism (8)
- Soft soap (8)
- Belief, trust (6)
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- Leave out (4)
- Copy previous person (6,4)
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FLAVIO BRIATORE, the managing director of the Benetton team, has long been touted as a possible player in the future of Damon Hill. The perception resurfaced yesterday in the wake of the Englishman's narrow failure to clinch his first Formula One world drivers' title at the Portuguese Grand Prix on Sunday, but this time there is a twist.

Briatore was interested in signing Hill for Benetton when it was revealed four weeks ago that he was to be released by Williams at the end of the season. The arrangement would have been welcomed by Renault, the engine supplier to both

teams, which is an admirer of Hill and was keen to keep the No 1, held by the world champion, on one of its cars for its last season in the sport next year.

That move appears to have founded, however, because both the Benetton drivers, Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger, are in the middle of two-year contracts and were unwilling to leave.

Instead, it now appears that Briatore has re-entered the bidding for Hill in his capacity as the owner of the French-based Ligier team. It is thought that Hill, who is keen to be awarded a two-year deal, might be promised one year at Ligier followed by a chance to aim for the world title again with Benetton the year after.

Briatore, though, will have to fight hard to prise Hill away from his most ardent suitors, Jordan-Peugeot and Stewart-Ford, both of whom are pushing hard for his signature.

Jordan, backed by Benson and Hedges, and Stewart, bankrolled by Ford, are thought to be offering in the region of £4 million to try to tempt Hill. A decision is likely before the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka on October 13.

Murray Walker's role as the voice of Formula One has been safeguarded for the next two years. The veteran broadcaster has signed up with ITV to commentate on grands prix until 1998, as widely expected.

## Ligier offers twin-track future for Hill

BY OLIVER HOLT

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Rice still in charge for Arsenal cup task

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ARSÈNE WENGER, the new Arsenal manager, will not take charge of the side for the first time in the Uefa Cup first-round, second-leg tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach in Cologne tomorrow.

Wenger stressed yesterday that Pat Rice, the caretaker manager, will continue to make the tactical and selection decisions for a tie in which Arsenal trail 3-2 from the first leg.

"Pat is officially in charge and will make all the decisions," Wenger said. "I'll only give my advice if he asks for it."

Rice was confirmed as Wenger's assistant yesterday and the manager said: "He knows the club, he knows English football, he knows the players very well and he is a pure Arsenal man. I will not become the manager until next Monday, but I had the feeling it was right for me to be here for this important match if I had the opportunity."

Wenger officially takes over at Highbury next week but has been allowed to come to London earlier by Nagoya Grampus Eight, the club he managed in Japan to meet his staff and players.

Rice, who stepped in as the second caretaker-manager of the season at Arsenal when Stewart Houston left to become the Queens Park Rangers manager, has steered the team to impressive wins against Sheffield Wednesday and Middlesbrough. He had not met Wenger until yesterday.

Tony Adams, the captain, is certain to play in the match after proving his return to fitness when coming on as a substitute at Middlesbrough on Saturday. The England defender, who has admitted he is an alcoholic, has had two knee operations in ten months.

Patrick Vieira, the France Under-21 international, is poised to keep his place after making his debut as a substitute against Sheffield Wednesday and impressing again at Middlesbrough. Wenger confirmed that he recommended the signing of Vieira.

## Wenger content to stay in background



Wenger, the new Arsenal manager, pays his first visit to the club's training headquarters yesterday

## Stubbs poised for return as Celtic try to spring surprise

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN HAMBURG

CELTIC'S arrival in Germany yesterday may have been met with a warmth that far exceeded the cordiality demanded by protocol. Poor domestic form in the Bundesliga has seen animosity and recrimination break out within Hamburg and the club has only the likelihood of victory over Celtic to bind it together. With a 2-0 victory in Glasgow, progress to the second round of the Uefa Cup is taken for granted here.

Hemi Taylor has withdrawn from the Wales team to play France tomorrow. His place in the back row will be taken by Kingsley Jones. Colin Charvis, of Swansea, comes on to the replacement bench. France have named a strong side for a match for which they have declined to award caps.

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# Perot goes to law in attempt to join TV party debates

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT sued yesterday to stop next month's presidential debates unless he is allowed to participate.

At the same time, Bob Dole's aides hinted for the first time that the 73-year-old Republican might abandon California and other important states in order to focus his limited resources on those his strategists still deem winnable. The great danger of such a move is that the entire Republican ticket may suffer in the states abandoned, increasing the chances of the Democrats recapturing Congress.

Mr Perot, the Texas billionaire, started a legal action in Washington challenging last week's unanimous decision by a committee of Democrats and Republicans to bar him from the debates on the ground that he had no realistic chance of winning the presidency.

Over the weekend, negotiators for the Dole and Clinton camps agreed that the two men should meet for 90-minute debates in Hartford, Connecticut, on October 6 and in San Diego, California, on October 16. Their running-mates will meet in St Petersburg, Florida, on October 9.

The White House wanted Mr Perot to be included, believing that he would steal votes and attention from Mr Dole, but the Republicans were adamant. They see the debates as their candidate's last chance to catch Mr Clinton and wanted him to have a clear run at the President. In return, the Clinton camp in-



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sisted on 90-minute, not 60-minute, debates believing that Mr Dole may tire, and on two debates, not four, to reduce the dangers of an upset. It also insisted that the second debate should have a "town-hall" format of the sort in which Mr Clinton excels.

Mr Perot called Mr Dole a coward and predicted that the Republican candidate's stand would cost him the support of millions of independent voters. "Here's a guy that's supposed to be a war hero. You'd think he'd be willing to stand up and talk to another person, wouldn't you?"

His legal action argued that the two established parties "should not be permitted to consolidate their monopoly on the political process by closing off the presidential debates..." Declaring the election essentially over for all candidates but two before a single debate takes place will only deepen the nation's cynicism about government.

Previous third-party candidates have sued for inclusion

in presidential debates. None has succeeded, but Mr Perot may have a stronger case. He won 19 per cent of the national vote in 1992, has received \$29 million (£18.6 million) in federal funds, and has got his new Reform Party on the ballot forms in all 50 states. He also soared in the polls after lively performances in the three debates in 1992.

Mr Dole's strategists, in the meantime, are producing a revised electoral blueprint in the light of his desperate position six weeks before the election. He is likely to focus on 29 states and would have to carry every one. According to *The Washington Post*, they include 16 solidly Republican "core states" that would provide 135 of the 270 electoral college votes required for victory. They also include seven "must-win" states — Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona — that usually vote Republican and account for another 77 electoral votes.

If Mr Dole could lock those up, and even that is a tall order, he would then need 58 more votes. His strategists have identified Ohio, Michigan, Louisiana, Connecticut, Iowa and Montana as most likely to provide them.

This high-risk strategy would appeal many congressional Republicans who are fighting to retain their seats and their control of Congress. It would involve abandoning California with its 54 electoral college votes, as President Bush did in 1992, as well as several big states such as New Jersey, Illinois and Pennsylvania. It would also free Mr Clinton to divert millions of dollars into other "battle-ground" states.

The new strategy has been a source of considerable argument in the Dole camp, with some aides arguing that resources should be concentrated on the traditional "battle-ground" states in the hope that the "base" states will naturally return to the Republican fold.

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John Kennedy Jr and Carolyn Bessette leaving the church on Cumberland Island where they were married at a small private ceremony on Saturday

## Kennedy clan savours coup of secret island wedding

FROM QUENTIN LETTS  
IN NEW YORK

RELATIVES of John Kennedy Jr were yesterday celebrating the security coup of the decade — keeping secret from the media the wedding of "America's sexiest man" on a remote Atlantic sand dune.

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A mere 30 people, mostly family, attended the service at

Cumberland Island's quaint Brack Chapel. The reception was similarly low-key, with a few glasses of wine and a prawn dip. Guests who quietly flew to the island, reachable only by small aircraft or launch, included Senator Edward Kennedy. He was one of the few members of the family's "elite cadre" to have been party to the secret.

Some friends and relations who were not invited were left holding slightly bloodied noses. The implication was clear: they were not to be trusted with the secret. Only a handful of caterers were on hand, all having signed confidentiality agreements.

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Perry: US keeping watch "every day, every hour"

## Gun lobby group hit by cash crisis

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE National Rifle Association is being forced to reduce its operations to stave off a financial crisis caused by a disastrous drive for new right-wing members.

The group has just laid off 30 employees, suspended production of its weekly cable television show and reorganised staff so it can let more of its new headquarters building in Washington's southwestern suburbs. The association's report for 1995 showed its liabilities exceeded its assets by \$43.5 million (£28 million).

"They're in a desperate financial condition," said Dave Edmondson, a former board member who has become a strong critic.

The root cause of the problems was the association's

costly recruitment drive in the early 1990s when, under new hardline leadership, it drove membership up to a record 3.4 million by posing as the leading opponent of a tyrannical Government bent on depriving Americans of their rights. The association helped to elect a Republican Congress in 1994, but the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995 changed everything.

George Bush the former President, resigned in protest as did thousands of other moderate members, convinced that extremists now controlled what had traditionally been an organisation for hunters and sportsmen.

Membership has dropped to about 2.8 million and the association's clout has also declined.

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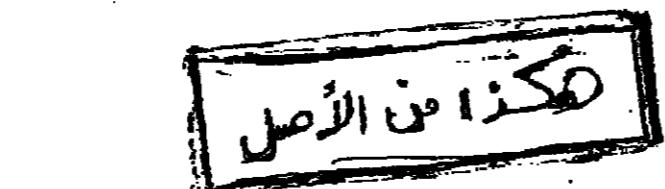
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## Fashion's First Ladies breakfast in style

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

DIANA, the Princess of Wales, will have breakfast at the White House this morning with her American kindred spirit — Hillary Clinton. Both women are world famous, hounded by the media, do good works and have a finely developed sense of fashion, which is what has bought the Princess to Washington.

The Princess, still adored in America despite her somewhat tarnished image back home, will tonight be the honorary chairman of a glittering gala dinner and fashion sale at Washington's National Building Museum which will raise millions of dollars for breast cancer research.

Over the past week New York's top designers have shipped down \$1 million worth of clothes which they have donated to "Super Sale"

1996. More than 1,100 of America's great and good, including Elizabeth Dole and Colin Powell, have paid up to \$500 (£320) each for tickets and will have first chance to buy the clothes.

The event has been organised by Anna Wintour, the British-born editor of America's *Vogue* magazine, the designer Ralph Lauren, the Council of Fashion Designers of America and *The Washington Post* whose former publisher, Katharine Graham, personally invited the Princess to participate.

Mrs Clinton is hosting the breakfast in the East Room to thank those most involved in the event, and the Princess's fellow guests will include her friend, Lucia Fletch de Lima, the Brazilian Ambassador's wife.

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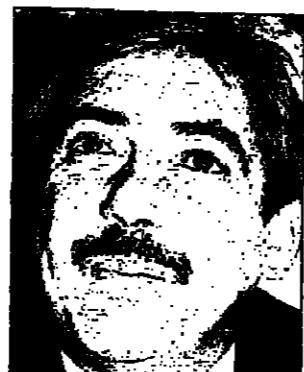
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# Bhutto brother's killing reopens a nation's wounds

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS  
SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

Murtaza Bhutto he was estranged from his sister

PAKISTAN is exhausted by Benazir Bhutto. No elected leader has been more unpopular since the state was founded in 1947.

Nor has any political spouse had a reputation as low as that of Asif Zardari, her ever-smiling husband, who figures often in newspaper allegations of high-level corruption.

The death of his brother, Murtaza Bhutto, 42, has eliminated the political logical heir of the Bhutto dynasty, a rich, powerful family as beset by tragedy as the Kennedys and the Nehru-Gandhis.

Photographs of Murtaza Bhutto's bloodstained body have disgusted a nation in despair with endless political, criminal and religious killings.

The tears shed by Miss Bhutto at her brother's graveside were in contrast to the vitriol that flowed between them when he was alive. Her mother, Nusrat, called him the rightful heir as beset by the male of the family. She abused her daughter publicly.

Murtaza weighed in, calling his sister incompetent and unfit for office, a "viper in the bosom". It was degrading not just for the Bhuttos: it humiliated the country.

Was it murder? Or did Murtaza die by chance during a spontaneous gunbattle between the police and his bodyguards in Karachi on Friday? Either way the implications for Miss Bhutto are grave.

It is almost inconceivable that the Prime Minister's brother could be killed by accident. She has professed her innocence in the affair. Miss Bhutto has effectively admitted that she has no control over the chaos of her sinister and murderous country.

Opposition leaders insisted that Murtaza was assassinated. That is what the nation seems inclined to believe, even

his supporters were returning from a public meeting. Murtaza Bhutto never posed a credible political threat to his sister, although his support was increasing. He was largely forgotten during 16 years he spent in self-imposed exile abroad, mostly in Syria, to escape terrorist charges because of activities against the Zia dictatorship, the dictatorship that in 1979 hanged Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, his father and founder of the dynasty.

He returned to Pakistan in 1993 and then spent time in jail, but the powerful military machine no longer felt inclined to pursue him.

He became an MP for the Larkana constituency, where he formed an alliance with his mother against his sister. Miss Bhutto saw him in hospital before he died, when he was awake and talking. He had laid bleeding in the street for an hour, she said, crying. As doctors prepared to operate, he died.

Without the slightest evidence, Miss Bhutto called it a conspiracy to destabilise her Government, a Government whose survival is in doubt for the same reasons that it was dismissed in an army intervention once before — incompetence and corruption.

Pakistan doubtless will never know the truth of Murtaza Bhutto's death. The poisoning of his brother, Shahnawaz, in a Paris hotel in 1985 remains a mystery. His Afghan wife was accused of failing to call for help as he died. The plane crash that killed General Zia ul-Haq, the dictator, in August 1988 also remains without explanation.

The police fired bullets and teargas yesterday to clear Murtaza Bhutto's supporters from round the ancestral Bhutto home in Larkana in Sindh province.

Murtaza's party, a breakaway faction of Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, said that the police had shot its leader and his followers in an ambush and had caused delays in the transfer of his dead and wounded to hospital.

The assassination of Murtaza Bhutto and his companions was no accident but a brutal and deliberate act of terrorism," it said.

There had been no provocation by Murtaza and his followers; the police had opened fire as Murtaza and



Nusrat Bhutto, left, the mother of the dead man, prays at his grave with her daughter, Benazir, Prime Minister of Pakistan, whom she has publicly criticised

# Tit-for-tat attack leaves 21 dead in Punjab mosque

BY ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HARDLINE Sunni and Shia Muslims stepped up tit-for-tat killings in Pakistan yesterday, leaving 22 people dead and about 40 injured in the province of Punjab.

Reports said that 21 people

died after five masked gunmen burst into the Majid al-Khair mosque in Multan, spraying bullets as hundreds of Sunni worshippers began early-morning prayers. Police

said the attack was by Shia

Muslims in retaliation for the

murder of a Shia leader in Bahawalpur, 60 miles south of Multan, on Sunday.

Hours later yesterday, in

another apparent reprisal, two

gunmen on a motorcycle shot

Mumtaz ul-Hassan, a leading

Shia militant, while he

was on his way to evening

prayers in Bahawalpur.

Hospital officials in Multan

said many of the dead were

boys aged ten to 16 from a

nearby religious school.

The mosque attack led to

widespread violence in the city

with angry protesters attacking

government buildings and

houses. Streets were deserted

and shops closed as hundreds of police and paramilitary soldiers patrolled in armoured personnel carriers and Jeeps mounted with machine-guns.

By mid-afternoon the army had been deployed in the Mumtazabad neighbourhood, where the shooting happened.

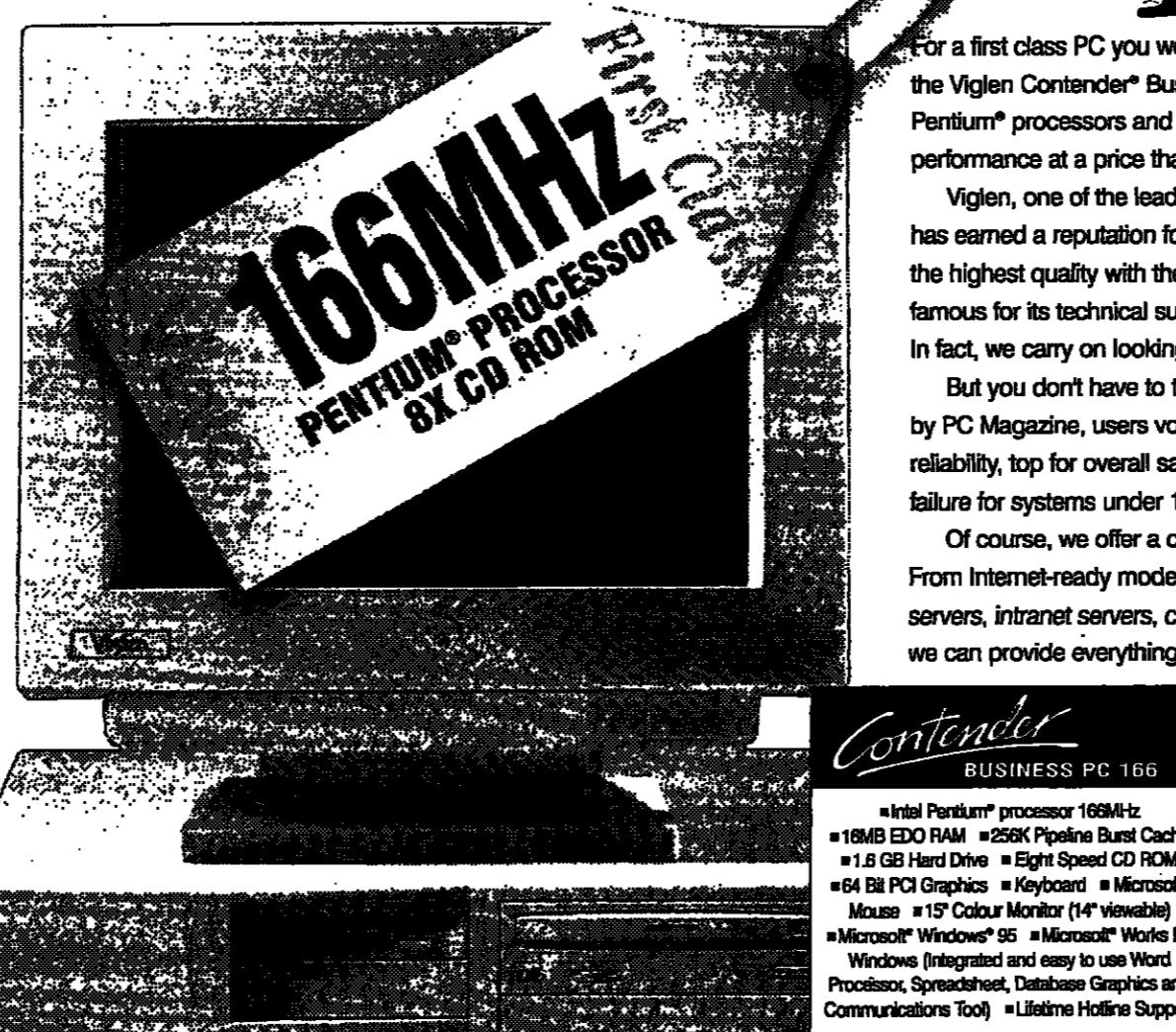
Guns could be heard, and roaming bands of boys were seen burning tyres. Shia Muslims, fearing retaliation, were gathering in a nearby mosque, witnesses said. Another Shia mosque was burnt, but no one was hurt and there was only slight damage.

From loudspeakers atop both Shia and Sunni mosques there were calls for people to get weapons and prepare for a battle, witnesses said.

Pakistan's Sunnis and Shias have waged a vendetta for several years and more than 200 people have been killed in Punjab province in the past six months.

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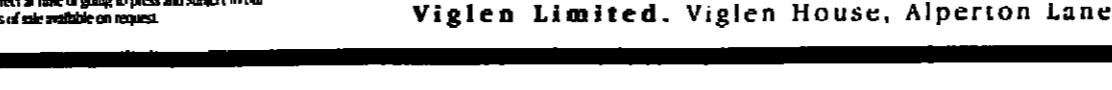
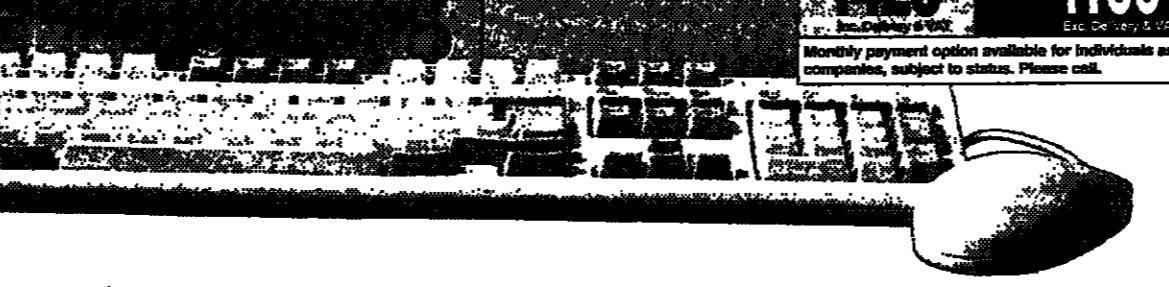
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Part Two: George Urban finds Margaret Thatcher still unreconciled to her loss of power

# 'Major wants to undo what we accomplished'

Three weeks after the ordeal of her forced resignation, Margaret Thatcher went to lunch at the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS). George Urban sensed from the beginning that it was going to be no ordinary lunch, but a wake to allow her to relax.

December 19, 1990  
Warming her hands in front of our little gas fire, I launched into her doubts about John Major's administration.

"The new Government — well, I think they have embarked on a course of great danger. It is quite clear already that they want to undo many of the things we have accomplished, and there is no telling where that might take them. All the wrong people are rejoicing! That's a sure indication that they are walking down the wrong road," and more to the same effect.

April 8, 1993  
Meeting at Chesham Place with MT — now Baroness Thatcher. I came away with the impression that she has not been able psychologically to digest the fact that she is no longer Prime Minister. Her whole attitude to the day's business — the rush into which she appeared to have driven herself throughout the morning, her remarks about various things she had to attend to immediately, with the underlying thought that unless these things were performed quickly and efficiently something terrible might befall the world and certainly

## AFTER THE FALL

Britain — all point to the sad fact that 2½ years after her resignation she still cannot reconcile herself to the loss of that terrible elixir — power. I was distressed. Was this great lady entertaining false ideas about her place in the universe? Was she lapsing into a phantom world, waiting for the bugle to sound, summon-

us; they might try to recapture some of their former satellites in Eastern Europe; there might be a showdown between rival factions, parliament and the President — who knows? This is no time to cut our forces." I agreed.

We then turned to domestic matters, notably the state of affairs in the Conservative

because the public was not being properly served by them. That's not "conservative"! The name is all wrong." I thoroughly agreed with that, remembering, however, that only a few years ago "conservative" was a name she had proudly embraced.

Clearly, she has changed her semantics, and I should imagine the change came in the light of some of her experiences abroad. In French, German or Italian ears "conservative" has a ring of datedness, immobilism and stagnation.

She then voiced

her great concern that Britain under Major was losing its way in the world and would no longer count.

She put down some of that loss of direction to Britain's involvement with the European Community and Major's "ambiguous" policies. I knew and had feared that the sore topic of Europe would come up. However amicably we would be talking about Bosnia, swords would be crossed on Europe.

For 90 minutes we

managed not to men-

tion Europe, but as I was

halfway through the door, MT grabbed me: "Well, you realise, George, don't you, that it is

the European involvement

that is dragging Britain down

... It is our participation in that unhappy mess. Let no one

forget that."

March 8, 1994

Noel Malcolm's outstanding

history of Bosnia was

launched yesterday in the

offices of the Alliance to De-

fend Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Baroness Thatcher and Denis

Thatcher supported John Major in public but privately had strong doubts



A tearful Margaret Thatcher leaves 10 Downing Street with Denis Thatcher for the last time after her resignation

Thatcher were there, and so among the notables was Michael Foot, an old Yugoslav hand, and other Balkan "experts". Once again, Lady Thatcher was the centre of attention. She was debating with Daniel Johnson of *The Times* and Drago Stambuk, the Croatian charge. MT treated me with considerable familiarity, touching me on the arm and thrusting her finger at my chest to give weight to some point or other. Among the young blood around her, I was an old friend in every sense of

tense, almost manic; her mind seemed centred on the next item in her stream of consciousness.

Finally I interjected. "Some time ago," I said, "I sent you a volume of Custine as background reading to the Soviet/Russian mentality. Wouldn't you agree that what I have been saying is in line with Custine's travelogue?"

"Yes, I've read it," she

answered, "but Custine wrote

cogent theory of how nations and states relate to one another. What did I think?"

This was, of course, far too large a question to be threshed out at a party with drinks on hand. I tried to say that both Eli Kedourie and Hugh Seton-Watson had written important books on that very topic and both had advised her on various occasions. But I don't think she was listening: she was back on Bosnia.

"Self-determination is a principle wholly malign for the peace of the world," she said. "States just cannot be made to coincide with nations."

I said: whatever we may feel about the rights and wrongs of national self-determination, it is there in Principle VIII of the Helsinki Final Act, and has contributed to the disintegration of the Soviet empire. To that extent it has been a great practical value. But MT waved this aside.

"It is Woodrow Wilson, of course, who is ultimately responsible for the damaging myth of the single-nation state. Such states cannot work. Wilson got it all wrong. He is the one to put in the dock of history."

Our conversation was going nowhere. People had begun to leave. I removed myself gently from her circle.

• *Diplomacy and Disillusion* by the Court of Margaret Thatcher, by George Urban, is published tomorrow by I.B. Tauris. To order a copy through The Times Bookshop telephone 0345 669910. Discount price £18.95, inc. postage.



Thatcher with the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

about Russian conditions 150 years ago. You can't take that for your guide. Conditions change; people change."

I wondered whether she would care to apply that principle to the German people and German character, remembering the views she had expressed at our 1990 Chequers seminar; but I kept my thoughts to myself. The lecturing went on.

"Well," I said, "this is not my personal view but one that stares us in the face from the pages of Russian literature.

Even today, many Russians

will volunteer the opinion that

only a tsar-like figure can keep them in order. Stalin was

aware of that and kept an

orderly house; but look at what happened under the liberal Gorbachev. In 1985," I

went on, "I predicted in *The Wall Street Journal* that Gorbachev might end up installing democracy using the methods of Stalin..."

Again, my irony misfired.

"But not the whip," George,

MT repeated. "No people need

the whip. There is reason,

there is persuasion. A strong

government, yes, respect for

authority, yes, but not the

whip. I am surprised!"

I now decided to respond to Lady Thatcher's seriousness with seriousness.

"With respect," I said, "the Russian people's periodic ungovernability is proverbial and well documented in history. You yourself experienced ungovernability, although of the British kind, at the time of the miners' strike, and even that did not pass without violence..."

This released another torrent of words I did not care to interrupt. There was a strange glitter in MT's eyes. She was

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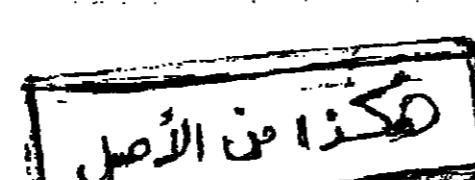
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# Will the whole truth about this evil man ever be told?

Neil Lyndon tried but failed to expose the depravity of the oil tycoon Armand Hammer. Now he asks if a new biography will meet the challenge

**R**eaders of Edward Jay Epstein's *New Yorker* portrait of Armand Hammer's last days must have been shocked and disgusted; but in that gashly picture of cruelty and deception, of the bizarre sexual shenanigans of a nonagenarian and of megalomaniac run mad into senility, of fraud and greed involving the misappropriation of hundreds of millions of dollars, there was little to surprise any of us who worked closely with Hammer in the Eighties, as I did.

At least 100 people in the Los Angeles, Washington, London and Moscow offices of Occidental Petroleum, of which Hammer was chairman, had known for years that he maintained a mistress named Martha Wade Kaufman, that she had changed her name to Hilary Gibson to get on Hammer's payroll and had changed her appearance to deceive Hammer's wife Frances (in Occidental's office on Wilshire Boulevard, Martha/Hilary was better known as "The Wig"). We all supposed that he was having an affair with his "personal physician" Rosamaria Durazo, though it was news to me that he offered to marry her. We all knew that he was constantly badgering younger women into sexual compri-



NEIL LYNDON

mise and paying them off with jobs and corporate bounties. We knew that he had illegitimate children. We knew that he had cheated his wife out of her fortune of hundreds of millions of dollars. Above all, we understood that he had proved it — that he could do anything and get away with it. We reckoned him to be capable of evil, even murder.

Many of us believed that Hammer was madly misappropriating the funds of Occidental for his own personal aggrandisement and that he had gone far beyond the control of a flaccid and cowed board of directors, disorganized shareholders and a feeble SEC (Securities & Exchange Commission) in early June 1989, while I was still under a personal contract of employment as Hammer's ghost, amanuensis and house-hack. I became seriously worried about his conduct, especially his demented determination to complete a mausoleum of a museum in his own honour. This hall of marble was being erected to house the \$30 million (£200 million) art collection Hammer called his own, which he had actually acquired using Occidental money, and the construction cost, again borne by Occidental, threatened to exceed \$140 million. Though I

genuinely feared that he might have me killed if I found out, I decided to blow Hammer's gaff.

In Los Angeles, on the morning of Saturday, June 3, 1989, I spent two hours with Harold Evans, my old Editor at *The Sunday Times*, in his suite at the Bel Air Hotel. I gave him the whole story of Hammer's misdeeds for him to relay to his wife Tina Browne, then Editor of *Vanity Fair*. Harry took notes but seemed not to absorb or, perhaps, fully to believe the story. "Are you saying he's a really bad man?" he asked. "Well, yes, Harry: that's the least of it," I answered. "Has he killed people?" He didn't understand why Tina did not take up the story at that time while Hammer was still alive and criminally active but now that she is Editor of *New Yorker*, Tina has at least published part of the story in Ed Epstein's article, which, in turn, derives from a book Epstein has written about Hammer. Harold Evans, now president of Random House, is publishing that book.

Better late than never, and better, too, that some of the truth should have been published rather than none. It is possible that Ed Epstein has fully grasped the astounding and titanic Mephistophelean truth of Armand Hammer's whole life and has delivered it in his book, which has yet to appear here; but I should be surprised. Epstein called me several times while he was preparing the book and I offered to help him. He did not seem to want to know what I might be able to tell him; and he seemed preoccupied with sides of Hammer's life that I believed to be relatively unimportant.

Having explored Kremlin files, he said, Epstein had finally proved beyond doubt what everybody had long suspected and others had previously intimated — that Hammer was an active agent of the Soviet Union for most of his adult life and that he had served Stalin. The historical importance of this fact is not to

be diminished, especially in the light of Hammer's close and assiduously cultivated connections, later in his life, with Richard Nixon, George Bush, the Prince of Wales, Margaret Thatcher, Bruno Kreisky, Menachem Begin and a host of Western leaders. A vital and lurid story of our century is buried with Hammer's body in his tomb just off Wilshire Boulevard in Westwood and I hope Ed Epstein has unearthed it; but it is not to be found, in its entirety, in any Kremlin files, nor in the bitter remembrances of a spurned mistress.

The writer of that story, if it is not Epstein, will have to look nearer to the present than the past, scrutinising Washington slush-funds and the Swiss accounts of Third World political gangsters rather than KGB records. That writer should take a sharp interest in the tens of millions of Hammer's benefactions to Prince Charles's favourite causes such as the United World Colleges. He, or she, should also look closely into the holocaust that took the lives of 167 men on Piper Alpha, an Occidental platform. For his role in that catastrophe, Hammer might have faced charges of corporate homicide if he had lived and if a gullible and negligent British press had not been so eager to let rum pull the wool over their eyes.

One recollection of Martha Wade Kaufman's, recorded by Epstein, might light the way towards that larger story. When Hammer took her as his mistress, he promised that, if she would do what he wanted, she "would never have to worry about money again". My skin froze like a touch of the grave when I read that line. Those words, exactly, had once been spoken to me. In the summer of 1984, Hammer's main man in London called me at home to relay a message from his boss. "Dr Hammer has told me to say that, if you



Lover: Martha Kaufman becomes Hilary Gibson

top newspapers and magazines but my income never equalled our spending. The week before Armand Hammer offered me £240,000 for one year to write his book, our local bank manager had pronounced me to be insolvent. I was no more able to refuse his promise (which turned out to be a lie) than Martha Wade Kaufman.

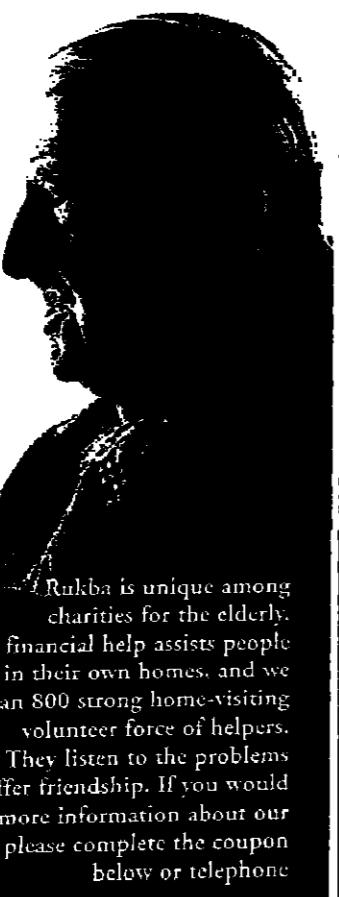
She and I go to show that it doesn't take much to buy a mistress or a ghost. We were small change in Hammer's pocket. But the whoring principle by which Hammer debauched us also applied to his global dealings in business and politics. The larger ques-

tion that will lead to the greater truth about Armand Hammer is this: What does it take to buy a President or a King?

**I**n the bedroom of his house in Holmby Hills in Los Angeles, Hammer kept a plaque inscribed with a motto that he would see every morning when he opened his eyes. It said: "The Golden Rule: He Who Hath the Gold Maketh the Rule".

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# There is madness in their method

Chris Woodhead on the cost of ignoring teacher training

**T**he battle in the school sector has been largely won. Parents, politicians of all parties, and most within the teaching profession agree that the public has a right to know how its schools are performing. Few now question the principle of inspection.

Last week the Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, took the same battle into new educational territory. She announced that the performance of teacher-training institutions was to be opened up to public scrutiny. There is to be a new core curriculum for literacy and numeracy and new inspection arrangements to reveal the effectiveness of the training provided.

Those who believe that the Government's reforms should have focused from the start on teacher training have welcomed the initiative. Others have yet to be convinced. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, sees the requirement that student teachers should, above all else, be taught how to teach children as a capitulation to "the obsessions of far-right policy advisers". And Professor Ted Wragg, of Exeter University, has spoken movingly about how the creativity of future teachers will be squashed by this political intrusion into ground that should have remained the professional responsibility of academics like

There are dangers in a teacher training curriculum

Should it? Last week also saw the publication of Ofsted's report on La Sante Union College, Southampton. It was, admittedly, one of the most critical reports we have published on a teacher-training institution. But the weaknesses identified in this college have been found, albeit usually in less extreme form, in a number of other institutions. Some 10 per cent of the provision inspected so far has been judged unsatisfactory.

The La Sante Union report tells us that "few (students) had more than a superficial understanding of how to teach reading", that "their ability to assess pupils' writing is inhibited by their uncertain grasp of the basic structure of English", and that they were "insufficiently skilled in the diagnosis and correction of pupils' errors and misunderstandings in arithmetic".

Moreover, when earlier this year Ofsted inspected the teaching of reading in three London boroughs, the teachers involved were asked whether they felt that their initial training had equipped them to do the job they were now doing. The majority said that it had not. The assumption that they had not simply forgotten all they had been taught, our judgment of their work confirmed that this was right: around half of the lessons observed in the upper primary years were judged to be unsatisfactory or poor.

Given such evidence, it is not surprising that head teachers have welcomed Mrs Shephard's initiative. They, after all, have to pick up the pieces when they find that a

The author is Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools.

## Sock it to him

THE CLINTON administration is beset by a new scandal: Sockgate. Socks, the most famous feline in the Western world (with apologies to Humphrey, the Downing Street cat), is creating problems. Bill Clinton is reportedly allergic to the First Cat.

Symptoms include adult acne, a hoarse voice and insufferable itching. Relief comes in the form of weekly injections.

The allergy will simply add fuel to arguments about the President's health. Republican contender Bob Dole has demanded that Clinton

### Arch rival

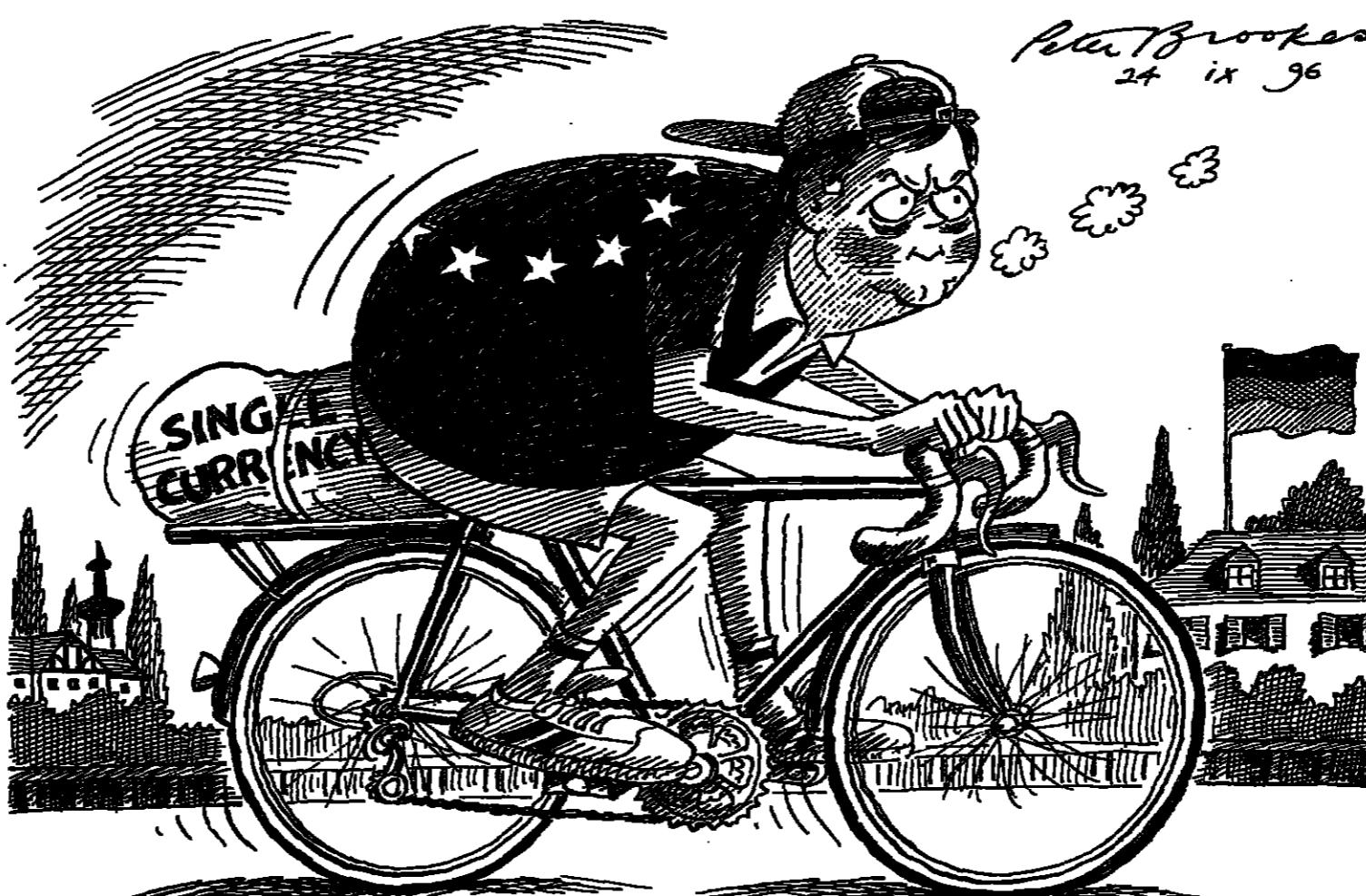
KENNETH CLARKE'S spat with the Euro-sceptics is not foremost in the minds of the Tories of Tun-

bridge Wells. The backlash has begun against Archie Norman, the Astra chief who won the constituency's nomination as Conservative candidate.

Some believe he should have remained up North to fight the Harrogate constituency, now bravely manned by Norman Lamont, which has become known to some as Horrorgate on account of its wafer-thin majority. So strong are feelings that the cry "Archie Norman" is being substituted for the expletive "Gordon Bennett" on local building sites.

### Chow mein

THE DUCHESS of York has given up on her diet, if the pictures of her swanning about China courtesy of David Tang are anything to go by. Her green velvet dress, low cut and



RUNAWAY BOY (AGED 56 1/4) FOUND CYCLING DOWN AUTOBAHN (NEWS ITEM)

## A witness sorely needed

Watching Bishop Roddy's saga from Cork, I feel drawn back to the Church

**T**here is a difference between cold logic and love" — as the bishop said to the *News of the World* reporter — "and this was becoming love".

Pause for tens of thousands of Roman Catholics heads to kiss, moaning, into their owners' hands. Try again, bishop: think it through, take a cold bath, work it out. If your Church, your vocation, had come to represent no more than "cold logic", easily outshone by faulty human love, then you lost the plot and the faith, long ago. Religion is not cold logic, it is a greater love or it is nothing at all.

And that is the serious thing, the only important thing. Never mind any number of embarrassed cardinals, furious colleagues, sermons about Judas, debates about celibacy, or announcements by our dauntingly severe Minister for Prisons (or that well-known theological programme, *The World this Weekend*) that communication is the ticket. When a church becomes nothing but "cold logic" to one of its bishops, the problem is all his own.

The story of Roderick Wright is a sad one (very sad since there are four teenagers involved — one of his and three of Mrs MacPhee's) but it signifies nothing we did not know. All it tells us is that sexual infatuation makes men behave very badly indeed, forgetting dignity, duty and common consideration, and then trying to cover it all up. And that if they are eminent men, the rest of us are reprehensibly interested in their shenanigans; and that eventually, some newspaper will persuade them to say breathtakingly silly things. It also shows that nobody, especially his superiors, ever believes in an eminent man's chaotic behaviour until absolutely forced to; and that out-of-control men with high public status develop an uncanny ability to kid themselves and everyone else that nothing is amiss.

None of this is remotely unfamiliar: politicians do it, headmasters do it, princes do it, celebrities do it and then tell *Hello!* magazine how wise it made them grow. Never a day passes without some piece of dreadful sexual behaviour being exposed. The fact that it is another Catholic bishop this time must, I suppose, be put down to the operation of Buggins's Turn.

I have been in Co Cork all week, cringing at the unfolding saga through both British and Irish media. The main story diverges into plentiful side-issues: The Bishop of

Down and Connor has revealed that in his diocese there is a special panel set up for priests who have problems with the celibate life. There are claims that there are at least a hundred priests in Ireland in illicit relationships with women. The story also broke of Father Dara Molloy, of this Mon in the Aran islands, who has had a bust-up with the archbishop, declared independence and founded a "Celtic Church" of his own design. This, as I understand it, will involve no Pope, outdoor services, a great deal of Irish dancing and a non-celibate clergy. Asked on the radio

whether he personally has any particular woman in mind, the good Father hedged. However, some of the familiar young Irish fury at the too-firm grip of the Catholic Church here has erupted. We hear of a support group for "recovering Catholics" who feel damaged by their upbringing. There is also a "decelibacy" movement in which emotionally scarred Catholics write to their diocese and demand to be taken off the baptismal register.

Meanwhile, in another part of the forest, there is a letter in one Cork publication from a young priest, plaintively saying that he is worried at the idea of ending the celibacy rule because all the single women of the parish will take it as a personal challenge and "never leave him alone". This was reinforced by another priest who said that things get bad enough in the confessional as it is, especially with Dublin girls.

However, a Dublin bookmaker is offering 20-1 on a married priest by 1999 and 500-1 on a married Pope by 2005. And in the middle of it all we have copious reporting of the Pope in France, reaffirming his commitment to priestly celibacy in the words, to nuns and priests: "You give a witness sorely needed." Sorely, indeed.

The paradoxical thing is that, as an estranged cradle Catholic, I find myself curiously drawn back, this week, to the old Church. Maybe it is the effect of following this saga from a

country where the angelus bell still precedes the six o'clock main news on both radio and television, and a region where the shutters are still pulled down when a funeral passes. There is dignity in this, in an undignified world. But beyond that is a curious feeling that, despite the shambles of Bishop Roddy, despite the undoubted existence of spoilt priests and whisky priests and lecherous priests and — as Ireland has most painfully admitted to itself lately — paedophile priests: despite the undoubted harm done down the decades by overzealous ones, the Faith itself is mysterious, finally untarnished.

Lay and clerical Catholic voices from Scotland, after all, were touching and forgiving, humane and hopeful and innocent throughout the unfolding story. When it was thought the

Bishop was having a breakdown there was pure sympathy; when it was obvious he was with a woman, there was a reluctance to condemn; when his teenage son revealed himself it became obviously far harder for his flock and for church leaders to take as well it might but only when he fell into the taskiness of selling an exclusive and spouting all-for-love nonsense was the word "betrayal" first used.

**A**s for Cardinal Winning and the other senior Scottish clergy, they may have been slow in disclosing all they knew but there were good reasons for that, not least the delicacy of the son's position and the fear of precipitating the bishop's own suicide. This is a Church, not a political party; its prime duty is to individual souls. And, by and large, the note struck by church officials has been perfectly Christian: saddened but anxious to forgive, to recall, to kindle again the faith in one confused man's heart. Their gentleness has shocked commentators less steeped in charity, but who could resist the joint statement from Cardinal Winning and his archbishop, stunned as mullets both of

them, deplored the sale of Bishop Wright's story but adding "we are glad to note, however, that he appears to be well."

As for the matter of celibacy priesthood, the Pope's words should be heard: "The demands of your vows," he said in St-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, "may appear to your contemporaries difficult to understand. Do not let this upset you." Celibacy is indeed a mystery to many in this age of avid but arid sexual obsession, and I suspect that compulsory celibacy of clergy will soon be phased out in Catholicism. Now that married Protestant clergy are being ordained when they convert there seems little basis for it, and it is probably putting off many good ordinands.

However, I hope that elective celibacy, perhaps one day in female priests, too, will endure for at least another millennium. Difficult to understand it may be, but for that reason it blazes forth, as nothing else could, the Catholic conviction that divine love transcends and contains every other love. A priest is not celibate because he loves nobody, but because he wants to love everybody, in the name of God.

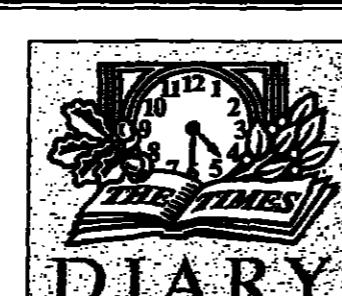
If you take your eye off the Bishops of Argyl and of Galway and their assorted fallen peers, you will see thousands of Catholic priests and nuns with all the warm blood and affectionate instincts of full human beings, living the celibate life as a gesture of a wider love. That is not unnatural: it is supernatural.

I was educated in convent schools, and I have watched it at close, even claustrophobic, quarters: the fact is that while some patently can't take the strain and go off the rails, others find that depriving yourself of private domestic intimacy can create an extraordinary capacity for wise, wholehearted loving-kindness in the service of humanity at large. That the

Catholic Church still honours this quixotic ideal is not something it should be ashamed of: though whether it can much longer insist on it for every priest is doubtful.

So pray, if you pray, for poor old Bishop Roddy, but do not for a minute think that his ever more visibly chequered past tells us anything to the discredit of his Church. It marches on, like an army with banners. And even those of us who, for one reason or another, cannot quite bring ourselves to fall into step feel no less inclined this week to raise a ragged cheer for it.

Libby Purves



revealing a considerable thigh, was not the most flattering of garments.

Fashion consultants suggest that the combination of red hair and a fair skin do not lend themselves easily to the chosen Versace-esque outfit. How fortunate, then, that she appears to have decided against modelling in favour of journalism. Scribblers are not best noted for sartorial elegance.

• Even manic billionaires have an Achilles' heel. Sir James Gold-

smith's weakness comes in the form of rubber bands. He cannot bear the sight, let alone the feel, of them — worse than nails being scraped down a blackboard. Tories in Putney, where Sir James is challenging David Mellor at the election, are being taught flicking techniques as I write.

### Luggables

WHERE FASHIONABLE travel accessories are concerned, turn to Elizabeth Hurley for advice. Not for her the sooty pigskin valises of Louis Vuitton; the Estee Lauder girl has acquired two brass-cornered, boarding-school trunks in which to pack her belongings.

According to a friend, the dark green trunks were purchased at Peter Jones, purveyor of boys' shorts and boaters for digitized girls. "She travels about so much that she misses the security of a fixed abode," explains my source. "She bought this sturdy luggage so that she could take her horny memorabilia with her wherever she goes. Audrey Hepburn used trunks to carry her superstar clothes in the Fifties and Sixties."

Included among Elizabeth's trunks are linen sheets, and photographs of her parents and her cherished German Shepherd, Nico.



Hurley: trunkloads of space

• Just as I predicted, the 17-year-old grandson of ailing Russian leader Boris Yeltsin has fallen foul of the authorities in his first month at Millfield school in Somerset. Despite protestations, he was ordered to shave off his moustache. "He's not pleased at all," says a classmate. "To young Russians, moustaches are an indication of virility."

P-H-S

## Splendid isolation, Mr Clarke

Anatole Kaletsky  
on Anglo-German rivalry over Africa

**A**fter detonating his bombshell about the "pathetic" people who reject Britain's European destiny, Kenneth Clarke flew off to America last night. He was off to the annual meetings of the Commonwealth finance ministers, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. In the idle hours of his transatlantic flight, as he contemplates yet another week of incarceration in stuffy rooms with stuffy people, Mr Clarke should consider two intriguing contrasts between the conclaves that lie ahead of him and the meeting of European finance ministers he has just come back from in Dublin.

The first contrast is between the results of the two meetings. In Dublin the ministers were arguing, as ever, about angels on pinheads: this time, the wording of an unenforceable "stability pact" to govern tax and spending policies after European monetary union. The meeting in Washington, by contrast, is expected to agree on a new policy which will directly contribute, in a modest way, to human welfare and will provide a small but significant stimulus to world trade. The plan is to use a small part of the IMF's gold reserves, along with some other financial devices, to relieve the debts of 20 very poor developing countries which the IMF judges are making serious efforts to improve their economic management.

This plan has been eagerly demanded for years by churches and aid lobbyists, who have pointed to the inhumanity of forcing the Government of Uganda, for example, to spend five times as much on foreign debt repayments as it does on health. But debt relief also reflects a sober judgment about what is good for world finance and trade. A country such as Mozambique — where the foreign debt of \$311 per head is equivalent to four times an average citizen's entire annual income — will never repay its debts. To pretend otherwise is a fantasy which brings the entire international financial system into disrepute, as well as frustrating the efforts of the IMF and World Bank to improve economic management in the Third World.

Indeed, in the two years it has taken to negotiate the debt relief package, there has not been a single serious argument raised against it, except by one country — Germany. This brings me to the second interesting contrast between the two ends of Mr Clarke's schedule this week.

The deal to agree in Washington next weekend started out as a British initiative — and one for which Mr Clarke personally deserves a great deal of credit. Britain initially had no real support for his plan. So Mr Clarke spent two years persuading America, Japan, France and others to back his plan. Germany, however, was immovable. Why did a country which claims to be more generous to the Third World than America or Britain so vehemently oppose this obviously beneficial plan?

Last June, Helmut Kohl revealed his motives. Allowing the IMF to use even a small portion of its gold reserves for the benefit of poor nations would "have a negative psychological effect", he declared. The German people were "debating" monetary issues in Europe at present. If the IMF sold gold today for the benefit of poor nations, this might be seen as a precedent for similar demands to sell Bundesbank gold in the future.

If the German Chancellor speaks of national interests to his European "partners", that is the end of the matter. Everybody else shuts up — even if he is talking irrational nonsense. That, indeed, was what happened in Dublin last weekend — no other country wanted the stability pact, but Germany insisted and so everyone agreed — and, on an epic scale, when Germany decided to recognise Croatia, precipitating the Bosnian war. How then did Mr Clarke overcome Germany's objections to the IMF gold sales? The answer is that he did not have to. Germany still opposes the Clarke plan and may vote against it in the IMF board. If so, it will simply be overruled.

**T**here is a moral in this story, both for Britain and Mr Clarke. Whereas Germany is the dominant power in the European Union, the same is not true in the broader international arena. In the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations, Germany is just another middle-ranking country, not significantly more important than Britain or France. Conventional wisdom in Britain asserts that this country is so small it can only influence world events through its membership of the EU. But this is manifest nonsense. When Britain has a good case, it can often prevail in an international forum by finding allies in America and Asia, as well as in Europe. It is precisely when everything has to be agreed first at the European level that Britain loses its chance to make its voice heard in the world.

If Britain had had to agree an European position that would satisfy the Germans, Mr Clarke's debt initiative would have been stilled at birth — and millions of the world's poorest people would have suffered. Now that really would have been pathetic.



## CLARKE CAN GO

The Chancellor would be little missed or mourned

**Kenneth Clarke** has long tested the patience of his enemies: he is now trying sorely the tolerance of his friends. With weekend words that could not be construed as carelessness, the Chancellor toppled John Major's carefully constructed policy on European Monetary Union and with it, the strategy for reconciling the divergent wings of the Conservative Party. Yesterday the full extent of the damage in Downing Street was becoming clear.

The deal on EMU, reached last April only after lengthy argument, went as far as Mr Major could to meet halfway the concerns of a Chancellor who would dearly like Britain to be inside a monetary union. It kept open Britain's options on the single currency. It also aimed to prevent any consequent ambiguity from providing cover for a dash to membership: it built in a guarantee that should a future Cabinet ever decide to join, the Government would consult the British people in a referendum.

The Cabinet's convinced opponents of British participation in EMU would have preferred to see it ruled out for the lifetime of the next Parliament. But they honoured the bargain for the sake of unity. The Chancellor has now cavalierly breached this deal. His words at the weekend were not just an elastic reinterpretation of Cabinet policy to suit his own political agenda; they treated the policy itself with derision.

For Mr Clarke, keeping Britain's options open means a decision no later than December next year — in time to join what he calls Europe's "first division". It emphatically does not mean leaving Germany, France and other countries to go ahead without Britain; "joining late", he said flatly, would be "pathetic" and "the worst policy of all".

The Chancellor's further assertion that "you couldn't operate the European Union without a single currency" was still more reckless, this time of British rather than party interests. With just such arguments, France has been seeking sanctions to counteract the advantages of monetary flexibility

Britain could gain by staying outside EMU. Mr Clarke has undermined the medium-term British strategy for handling the EMU debate in Europe, articulated by Malcolm Rifkind in Zurich only two days earlier.

This strategy provides the best justification yet for the Cabinet compromise. Ambiguity not only keeps Britain in the fray; it allows Mr Major to insist on serious discussion about relations between the countries who would be in and out of EMU. These are discussions that Germany would prefer to keep off the agenda. Mr Rifkind's aim is to win allies in the EU for the argument that, because EMU will produce damaging divisions in the Union, its inauguration must be the subject of unanimous and enthusiastic approval.

Having lit the blue touchpaper, Mr Clarke flew off to Bermuda and Washington to commune with other finance ministers. Mr Major has been left to contain the explosions. The strength of Mr Clarke has stemmed in recent months from his general management of the economy. Until now, it has been broadly accepted even by ministers on the Right that Mr Clarke's departure from the Government would be electorally disastrous, splitting the party, damaging the voters' slowly reviving confidence in the Tories as economic managers and ruining chances of a Tory recovery before the election. But, yesterday, as the brazenness of Mr Clarke's challenge to his colleagues became clearer, the balance of risk changed.

Mr Clarke has thrown caution and honour to the winds. The most likely explanation is his knowledge that the Cabinet majority against him has hardened and that ambiguity on EMU no longer works in his favour. In July, we wrote that the Major Government needed to come off the fence on EMU. The signs are that it has done so; but that it sees Britain's interest is in not saying so. If this is a secret that Mr Clarke cannot keep, he can go. He would be less missed than he would like to think and little mourned.

## TACTICS OF TERROR

A reverse for republicanism, and a reminder for politicians

Almost exactly 12 years ago Irish republicans attempted to decapitate the British Government with a bomb at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton. Providence spared most of the intended victims then. Vigilance may now have averted atrocities intended to equal and exceed that murderous attack. The security forces are to be congratulated on their capture early yesterday of IRA volunteers in England and their arsenal. They appear to have prevented violence on a massive scale timed to coincide with the party conferences.

The loss of six terrorists is a sore blow to the IRA's military capability. Since the IRA resumed hostilities, one of its men has died at his own hands, a bomb placed by Hammersmith Bridge has failed to detonate, a major explosives factory has been found in the Republic, seven volunteers have been arrested in July and now five more have been arrested and another killed. The IRA's tactic of concentrating on the British mainland has been severely disrupted by these reverses, which have come as republicans are believed to be reviewing their strategy.

There have been reports that an IRA general army convention apparently planned for next month might discuss a cessation of violence. The revelation that acts of terror were still being planned does not, in itself, invalidate the suggestion that a ceasefire was imminent. The IRA would only wish to suspend the armed struggle from a position of strength. A "spectacular" which penetrated to the heart of the British State would assure their supporters of the republicans' undiminished capacity to fight. Having shown themselves unbowed, republicans could then walk into negotiations, their guns silenced but still eloquent. The

scale, however, of the military activity that the IRA was planning could point to a much more depressing conclusion. Since the Docklands bomb, the nature of IRA activity has implied a commitment to a protracted bombing campaign on the mainland and a desire to provoke loyalists into breaking their ceasefire. Leading republicans appear to believe that there is small chance of progress this side of looming elections in the Irish Republic and United Kingdom.

Republicans may be correct in calculating that a Fianna Fail government in Dublin would be more indulgent than John Bruton's coalition but they are on less certain ground in believing that change at Westminster would benefit them. Speaking at the *Times*/Dillons forum last week Tony Blair confirmed that Northern Ireland was part of his "New Britain", underlined his support for John Major's current policy and pledged to match the effort invested in the peace process by the Prime Minister.

With massive constitutional change already planned elsewhere it is hard to see Mr Blair seeking to expose another flank by departing too far from Mr Major's cautious approach. He could, however, come under greater pressure from a re-elected President Clinton to go over the heads of the Unionist majority to deal with the republicans.

Yesterday's discovery should provide a reminder, if one were needed, of the real nature of republicanism. Whatever the result of any future election the victors in London and Dublin should pledge themselves to work with others who resolve differences by argument, not Armalites. Only when deeds as well as words show that violence is fruitless and its advocates unheard will Ulster enjoy real peace.

## MORSE THE CODE

The great detective: our part in his rise to fame

So Inspector Morse's Christian name was Endeavour. Elementary. No wonder he was not keen to let his girlfriend or even his trusty sergeant in on his embarrassing secret. The final solution to Morse's name beginning with E was announced yesterday to launch what is said to be his last case.

The success of Morse has been generally traced to the classic English detective story of the golden age, the combination of Lord Peter Wimsey's intellectual charm with the cachet of spotting which Oxford colleges had been cannibalised on film. Take in the setting of ghastly events in an apparently respectable world. Contrast overindulgence in draught beer with overindulgence in Wagner on CD; and there you have Morse, created a cult detective by television, whose every episode attracted an audience 20 times more than that for all his books.

But searchers for the secret of Morse should never forget his passion for the cryptic puzzle. Crosswords and classic detective stories play the same game by teasing the solver/reader towards a solution that becomes obvious as soon as it is seen. Morse is an addict of *The Times* crossword. One novel, *The Way Through The Woods*, was built around it and showed expert knowledge of the internal workings of *The Times*. How often have crossword-setters

impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth?

Morse could not have been called Elvis without anachronism or Eustace without bathos. The clues are all there in this last book: Morse's Quaker mother, the father with the passion for Captain Cook and their instructions to their son to try and try again. The solution, which has attracted teasing publicity and serious betting, leaps off the page — once it is explained.

There is another rule of the genre, that the hero should have an egregious first name, such as Sherlock, Hercule, Nero, Ganesh and now Endeavour, while his baffled but admiring sidekick should know his place, and have a name as common as John Watson so as not to upset his leader. Subsequent Watsons are customarily called after dull southern English towns such as Hastings and (homophonically) Sergeant Lewis himself. Even Morse addicts are familiar with him and Mrs Lewis without knowing their first names.

Another rule is that the fictional detective sometimes becomes bigger than his creator: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle became the slave of his creation, and had to bring him back from death in the cauldron of the Reichenbach Falls. With so much popularity and money at stake, we may not yet have seen the last bow of Endeavour Morse, alias John Thaw.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### High ideals of celibacy and marriage in the priesthood

From Professor Malcolm H. Dunn

Sir. The publicity surrounding the case of Bishop Roderick Wright once again highlights a dangerous tendency in contemporary mores, particularly when the media choose to fan the flames. It is to confuse the failure of an aspirant to a high ideal with the failure of that ideal itself.

The failure of one celibate amongst many becomes, in the eyes of the media, the failure of celibacy itself as a valid religious endeavour. The failure of certain (high-profile) marriages immediately becomes the failure of marriage, the institution.

Self-righteous little-tale-endangers society's deeper values. By contrast, the dignity and charity being shown by the Roman Catholic Church in the present affair should serve as a lesson to us all.

Yours sincerely,  
MALCOLM H. DUNN,  
Lochnagar,  
Lade Braes, St Andrews, Fife.  
September 21.

From the Reverend E. Holloway

Sir. I am sick and hurt as anyone else but may I make myself a little unpopular by asking about the women concerned? They speak as if they were totally innocent and totally wronged.

If she does not, and above all if she allows an affair to proceed to other children, then she is herself living a lie as much as the priest is. She is also very guilty.

Yours sincerely,  
EDWARD H. HOLLOWAY,  
Catholic Church of St Ambrose,  
2 Warren Park, Warlingham, Surrey.  
September 20.

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir. Perhaps a personal anecdote from a layman may throw a little further light on the issue of celibacy, as argued in four letters, all from priests, which you published today.

Ever since my wife died, just five years ago, I have been constantly struggling with the mystery of why I

myself should go on living. One man alone has given me sufficient strength in this struggle. That man is my celibate Roman Catholic priest.

I am in no doubt that the very fact of his celibacy has enabled him to avoid the conventional mundane, man-to-man sympathies, and so to concentrate with much greater power on the eternal spiritual realities which ultimately govern our existence here on Earth.

There may come a time when there are both married and celibate Roman Catholic priests; but I know to whom I would turn in times of real personal crisis.

Yours faithfully,  
BRYAN THWAITES,  
Milton Thorpe, Winchester, Hampshire.  
September 18.

From the Venerable B. H. Lucas

Sir, I am tired of hearing Roman Catholic priests and bishops advocate the practice of celibacy in the priesthood because it enables the clergy to give more freely of their time to their people.

I was already an ordained Anglican priest when I married, so my wife knew what she was taking on. She understood and accepted that my vow of service to Christ in His Church would always have to come first in our marriage. For over 30 years she has supported and encouraged my priesthood; accepting my sudden departure in the middle of dinner or the night as necessary; making welcome in our home distressed souls, or temporarily homeless families; coping with long hours of solitude when I was away on church business, and at the same time bringing up three children and successfully holding down a demanding job in her own right.

All this has been more than compensated for by a vibrant, exciting and secure home life; in short, the sort of loving and caring home which many Roman Catholic priests appear to desire. Given the kind of competent, capable and Christian woman with whom I have been blessed in marriage, there seems no good reason why their Church should deny them this desire.

Yours faithfully,  
BRIAN LUCAS,  
Pen-y-Coed, 6 Artham Drive,  
Caythorpe, Lincolnshire.  
September 18.

From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, I suspect that some of the very people who normally advocate divorce and unmarried cohabitation, are now fervently advocating marriage. But only for Catholic priests?

Yours faithfully,  
J. WOOLCOCK,  
Ca'n Flor, Calle Son Ferreret 36,  
Génova 07015, Palma de Mallorca.  
September 22.

From Mrs Jillian Woolcock

Sir, I suspect that some of the very people who normally advocate divorce and unmarried cohabitation, are now fervently advocating marriage. But only for Catholic priests?

Yours faithfully,  
G. R. ASHTON (Member,  
Law Society's Mental Health and  
Disability Sub-committee),  
The Law Courts, Preston, Lancashire.  
September 17.

### Age discrimination

From the Director of the Carnegie Third Age Programme

Sir, Mr Eric Bellene (letter, September 17; see also letters September 12, 14, 19) usefully reminds us that the United Kingdom's record on age discrimination is worse than that of other EU member states.

The Commission of the EU is well placed to give a lead to all of us in matters of employment policy. How ironic therefore that the Commission itself imposes and defends mandatory age limits for many of its own jobs (a maximum of age 35 in some cases, even 32 in others).

Now that many employers, political parties and governments are starting

From Dr Chris Pond

Sir. In the Anglican and Free Churches, generations of ministers' wives — and now husbands — have made an inestimably valuable contribution to the Church's ministry.

The duties of one Primitive Methodist minister's wife, as well as her work as wife and mother, were described in the local records of an east London church in 1910 as:

leading the Band of Hope, promoting Christian Endeavour, teaching the Sunday School, and supporting the minister in all his work, as well as being cook and waitress when the circuit steward comes to assess the dilapidations on the Manse.

So it continues today: the wife of our new Methodist minister here has already started a new fellowship group, assists with another, runs the mother-and-toddler group and contributes greatly to her husband's mission.

The Catholic Church should conduct a value-for-money audit on its and other churches' clergy. It might find it would get two ministries — equally valuable — for the price of one.

And yes, the manse was renovated last year...

Yours &c.,  
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Forest Villa,  
Staples Road, Loughton, Essex.  
September 18.

From Professor H. MacL. Currie

Sir, There is a typical Anglican saying, often applied to the subject of sacramental confession, that could probably with advantage be adopted by the Roman hierarchy with regard to marriage amongst priests. "None must, some should, all may."

Yours truly,  
H. MACL. CURRIE,  
25 West Street, Yarm, Cleveland.  
September 18.

From Mrs Jillian Woolcock

Sir, I suspect that some of the very people who normally advocate divorce and unmarried cohabitation, are now fervently advocating marriage. But only for Catholic priests?

Yours faithfully,  
J. WOOLCOCK,  
Ca'n Flor, Calle Son Ferreret 36,  
Génova 07015, Palma de Mallorca.  
September 22.

### Liverpool's gains from slave trade

From the Director of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside

Sir, In your report on the tours arranged by the Merseyside Maritime Museum of the sites associated with Liverpool's involvement in the slave trade (September 9; see also letters, September 18) you quoted a local historian who suggests that the importance of the slave trade for Liverpool's prosperity has been overstated.

Whether we like it or not, the buying and selling of Africans was the cornerstone of Liverpool's overseas trade from 1730 to 1807. More than a quarter of Liverpool-owned shipping tonnage was involved in the trade between 1750 and 1775. One of the exhibits in the Maritime Museum's striking new gallery on transatlantic slavery is a silver epergne presented in 1792 to James Penny, a Liverpool merchant in the slave trade, by a grateful town council in recognition of his fight against the abolitionists.

Other critics of the tours are quoted in your report as suggesting they impart a negative image of the city, harm inward investment and encourage shame and guilt on the part of citizens today. In fact the tour guides go out of their way to promote the positive aspects of Liverpool, and reflect on the benefits that flowed from the prosperity created in part by the slave trade.

It is important for the future that the city is able to confront its past with confidence and without rancour. As the American writer and poet, Dr Maya Angelou, declared at the opening ceremony for the new gallery: "In telling this story neither guilt on one side nor bitterness on the other are appropriate."

Yours sincerely,  
RICHARD FOSTER, Director,  
National Museums and  
Galleries on Merseyside,  
Liverpool Museum,  
William Brown Street, Liverpool.  
September 18.

### On your motorbike

From Mr Daniel Ascher

Sir. As a recent convert to the benefits of commuting to work by motorcycle — the benefits including reduced costs, travelling time, stress and dependence on an inadequate public transport system — I welcome the Liberal Democrats' proposal (report and leading article, September 21) to encourage motorcycle use.

In recent years the training requirements to gain a full motorcycle licence have been enhanced, with beneficial effects on casualty rates. But with the exception of a theory test and a parking test, the training requirements for car drivers have not been changed and are quite inadequate for today's motoring conditions.

If the benefits of motorcycle use are to be enjoyed in safety by larger numbers of riders, it is essential that the general standard of driving is enhanced through better driver training. Will the Liberal Democrats include this requirement in their discussion paper?

Yours faithfully,  
DANIEL ASCHER,  
33 Collins Drive,  
Eastcote, Middlesex.  
September 21.

### Animal insights

From Mr John Burton

Sir, I feel mean to belittle Scruffy's apparently psychic achievements (Mr Simon Doughty's letter, September 16; see also letters September 12) but the truth is more prosaic.

Dogs are sensitive to atmosphere and the impending return of wanderers from Australia would have given rise to unusual preparations and numerous conversations, not least at the moment of their departure from Brisbane. Familiar words — mummy, daddy, home, coming, etc — would have caused Scruffy to head for the door.

Since animals are, in Shakespeare's unglamorous words, beasts without "discoeur of reason", the family pet would have ignored abstracts such as "tomorrow" and begun her vigil of 25 hours, less down-time for eating and sleeping.



## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE  
September 22: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning opened the new army for John Ryall, of Durland, who was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lanarkshire (Mr Hutchison Sneddon).

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Reverend Jonathan Bailey, Bishop of Derby, to be Clerk of the Closet. Her Majesty is succeeded to the Right Reverend John Waine, retired. The appointment to date from November 7, 1996.

### Today's royal engagements

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Professor Tony Challis A memorial of thanksgiving for Professor Tony Challis, former Chief Scientist, Department of Energy, was held yesterday at St John's Smith Square. The Rev Alan Tanner introduced the speakers who included Dr Hugh Reed, Professor Derek Saunders, Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Mr Peter Bean, Mr Ralph Clark, Chairman of Somerset County Council, Professor Mike Bevis, and Mr Robert Urquhart. Mr Ian McCrae played the organ and harpsichord.

### Sir Anthony Parsons

A Memorial Service for Sir Anthony Parsons, GCMG, LVO, MC, will be held in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, on Monday, October 21, at 3.30pm.

### Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League  
Sir Rex Hunt was the guest speaker at the opening meeting of the autumn session of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

### Luncheon

Ministry of Defence  
Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence at Admiralty House in honour of Lieutenant-General Jiri Nejedly, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic.

### Birthdays today

Miss Svetlana Beriozova, ballerina, 64; Sir Mervyn Brown, diplomat, 73; Professor T.E. Berlin, former Rector, Westminster University, 65; Mr Frank J. Davies, chairman, Health and Safety Commission, 65; Sir Seymour Egerton, former chairman, Courts and Company, 81; Mr Brian Glanville, author and journalist, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Grose, 59; Professor Richard Hogan, former Warden, Goldsmiths' College, 78; Mrs Catherine Hughes, former Principal, Somerville College, 78.

Professor Bernard Nevill, designer, 62; Mr Anthony Newley, actor and singer, 65; Mr John Rutter, composer and conductor, 51; Mr Urquhart, former chairman, Burmash Castle, 61; Sir Jean-Pierre Warner, former High Court judge, 72.

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# Scottish market offering better value for money



THE team selection of the weekly winner of Interactive Team Football provides a timely reminder that it is still possible to select home-grown players and do well in the game. Mr D. Milton, a Sky entrant, scored 42 points last week, with such cosmopolitan names as Scott, Newsome and Coton in his team.

The most successful players in ITF this season have all been astute buyers in the Scottish market. The addition of Scottish League premier-division players to ITF has brought in a number of cheaper players who are often much better value than their English counterparts. Mr Milton has three from Scotland in his team, for example.

The overall race for £50,000 is still headed by Mr J. Staskiewicz, of the Isle of Man, who is nine points clear.

Mr Milton's team is:

Goalkeeper  
A Coton (Sunderland)

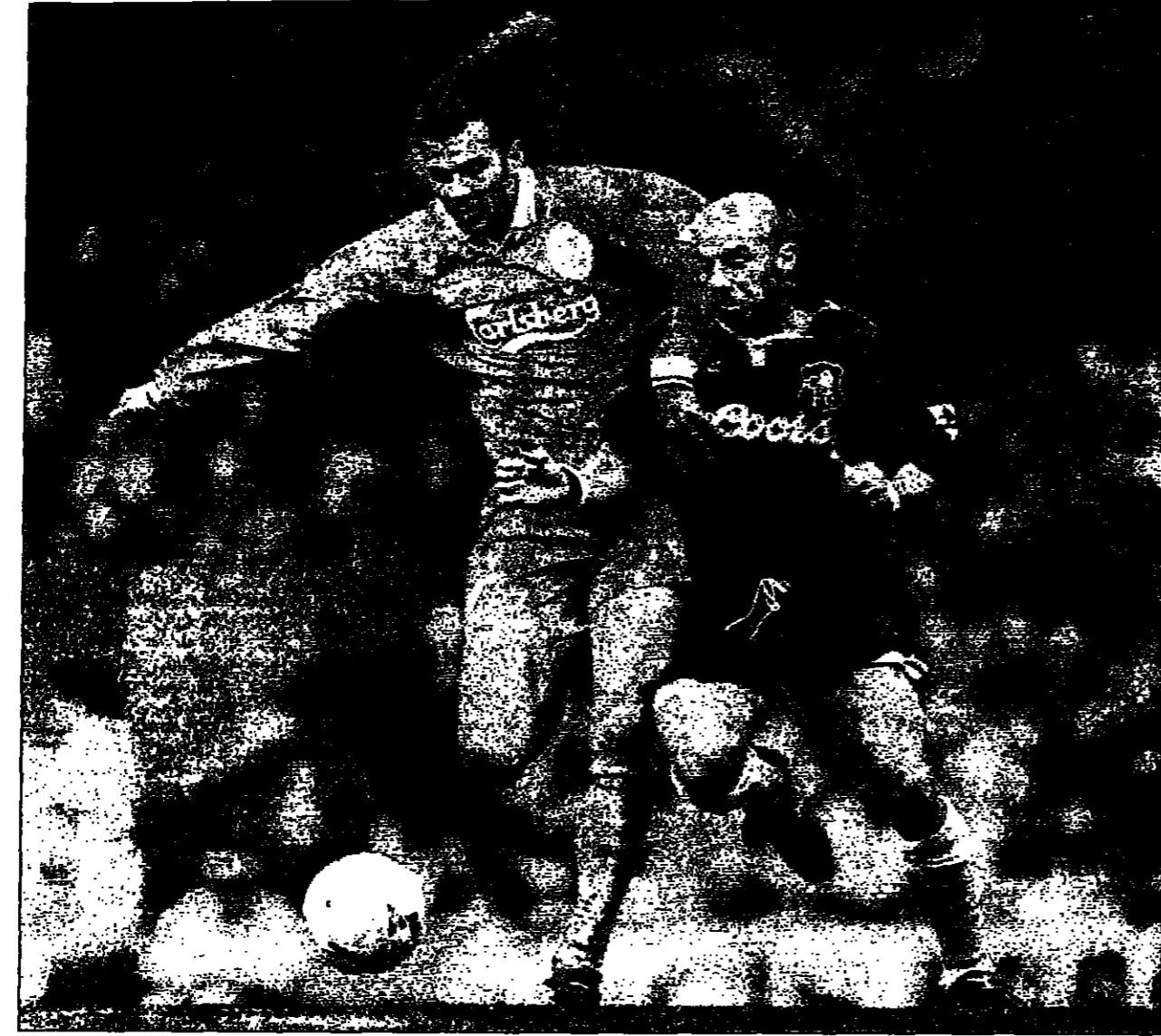
Full backs  
M Bowen (West Ham)  
M Scott (Sunderland)

Central defenders  
J Newsome (Sheffield Wed)  
K Monkou (Southampton)

Midfield players  
A Thorn (Celtic)  
J Barnes (Liverpool)  
G McSwegan (Dundee Utd)  
J Cruyff (Manchester Utd)

Strikers  
G Vialli (Chelsea)  
I Wright (Arsenal)

Manager  
W Smith (Rangers)



Patrik Berger, left, has scored four goals in his first two matches for Liverpool. Should he be in your ITF team?



It is early days, but if your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You can use the ITF transfer system which allows you to

change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

■ All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.

## HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1995-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

### POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper	Starter	2pts
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	
Scores goal	3pts	
Saves penalty	1pt	
Full backs/Central defender	1pt	
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	
Scores goal	3pts	
Midfield player	Manager	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	Team wins	3pts
Scores goal	Team draws	1pt

### POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper	Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full backs/Central defender	Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	Scores own goal	1pt
All players	Manager	
Sent off	Team losses	1pt

\* must have played for 75 minutes in the match  
1 must have played for 45 minutes in the match



## THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

	IN	OUT
5204	Gordon Park	Rangers
5205	Billy Davies	Argyle
5206	Ian Munro	Ruth Rovers
MOVED	Andy Thompson (from Wimbledon)	Hearts
33002	Gary Blair (Gerry McIlroy)	Wimbledon
22005	Gerry McIlroy	Tottenham Hotspur
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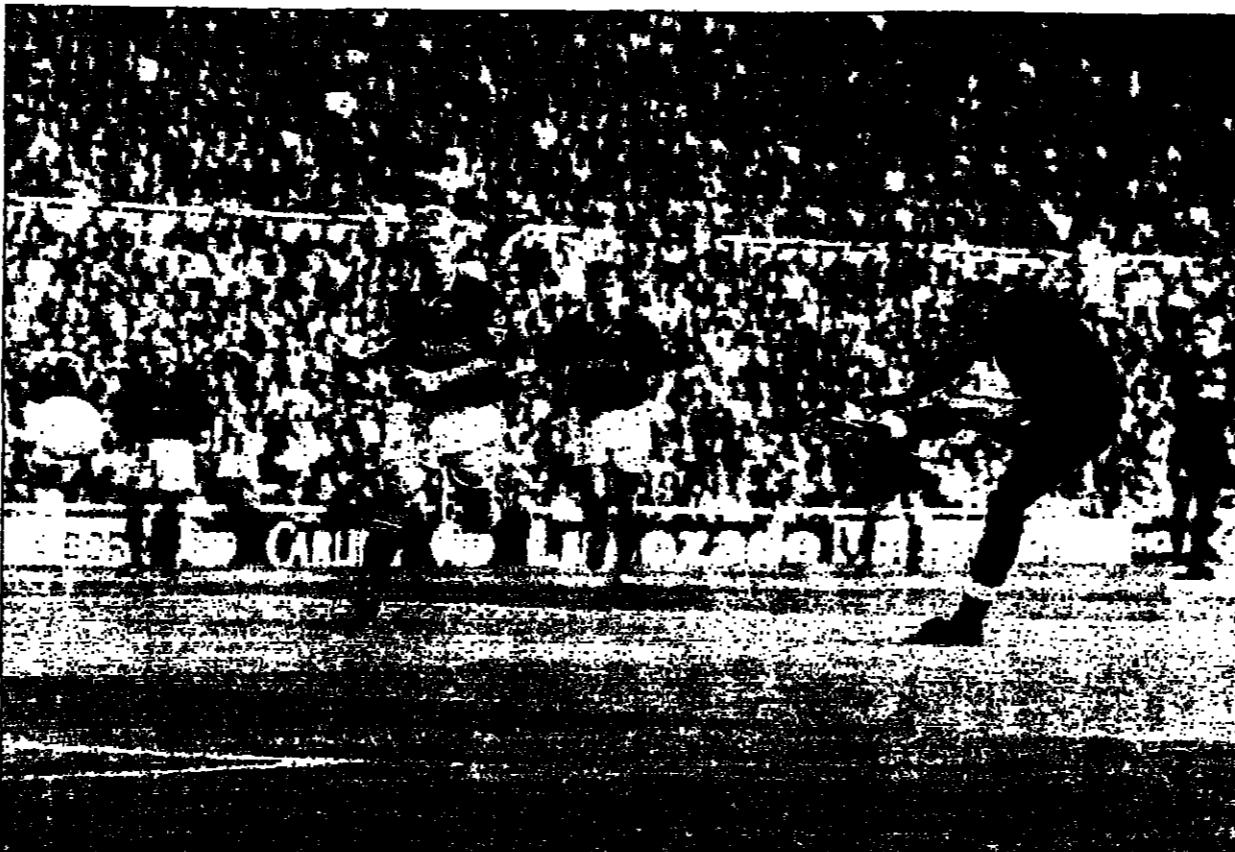
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## THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	NST Monkstone	J Staskiewicz	164	104	Sporting Rangers	H Stoen	136	175	Manchester FC	C Maughan	132
2	Pin Ups Two	P Tustar	155	105	Widmen	M Widmen	136	175	Top Team	G Stevens	132
3	West Wonders	S West	151	106	Shooting Stars	S Scott	136	175	It's About Revenge C	R Gohi	132
4	Nobby 34	J Brown	150	107	Glanhau At Me	P Naylor	136	175	H A Chance	T Reading	132
5	Plan BPC	R Ayres	150	108	Hazz's Dream Team	P Thornton	136	175	Johnny Foreigner	K Saunders	132
6	Sophie And Sam	G Foster	149	109	Blue Stars	N Broomhall	136	175	Fuzz Allstars FC	A Duprey	132
7	Albion Civic Villa	M Jones	149	110	Brabhamers United	S A Jakes	136	175	Luketowners Team	L Whitehurst	132
8	Flying Foreigners	G Thomas	149	111	Gerry's Team	G Weise	136	175	Scampi	D Collier	132
9	Hutton Hotspur	P Sheridan	148	112	Book United 1	B Matthews	136	175	Brain's Team	B Howes	132
10	Mean Machine	P Ford	149	113	PJ Tidwell	J Pull	135	175	Ipswich Allstars	M Carmen	132
11	The Transfer	G Bernhard	149	114	Spurs	H Newbold	136	175	FCs Klinavie	D M Lyth	132
12	Best Of The Best	R Ruparela	147	115	James' Boys Sky	W Houston	135	175	Harts FC	N Hart	132
13	Caroline B	A Luckhurst	147	116	JK 9	M Jones	135	175	Caroline D	A Luckhurst	132
14	Didi	D Findlay	147	117	Nomads	N Ross	136	175	Le Triumph	M Ieremia	132
15	Sky Times III	L McCullough	147	118	The Foreign Legion	N Brown	135	175	Cool Side Burns	M Roper	132
16	Thompson's XI	G Thompson	147	119	Red Stars	O Horan	135	175	Pitchbury Pirates	J R Hope	132
17	Arrogant FC	F K Taylor	146	120	Euro Paolo 1	P C O'Connell	135	175	Le Boeufers	J Robuck	132
18	Where's The Ray Gone?	P Fromm	145	121	AC Fardys FC	M Skipper	135	175	Good Fellas	C McGowan	132
19	Non Englishmen XI	J Mohammed	145	122	Jenny's Skates	D Mills	135	175	Tamechester Rovers	M Tame	132
20	Nobby 5	J Brown	145	123	Bulstrode Knights	A R Glover	135	175	Porta FC 2	S Mellor	132
21	Beyond Fault	P Foster	145	124	Shipmates United	M Barnett	135	203	Nasty Stars	N Nisbet	131
22	Hennig Berg Kick 1	J Burns	145	125	Merlin	I Robinson	134	203	Scroes	T Graham	131
23	Inta Goal	G Lippett	145	126	IVY's Best	D Tuthill	134	203	Sigma B	K Porter	131
24	Kettle Warriors	D Condonan	145	127	Matt's Dream 11	M Barnet	134	203	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	131
25	Plastic Filters 10	T Feethly	145	128	Down And Out	I Carruthers	134	203	Whicis	G Athkinson	131
26	Natascha's Team	N Engel	145	129	Athletic Brundall	M Ward	134	203	Stanford Blues	D McGarry	131
27	Todd Utd	J M Todd	145	130	Steve's Two	S Bailey	134	203	Black Pearls	P K Spill	131
28	Spring City	A Collins	145	131	PM Select	M Kitchen	134	203	Bramhall Bathers	L J Fletcher	131
29	Levellers	J God	144	132	Informants	L A Tomlinson	134	203	The Best	A Clarke	131
30	Nobles 20	R Segar	144	133	Sydney's Men	U H Melbourne	134	203	Wands	M Miskell	131
31	Brill XI	P Osborn	144	134	Marine Marvels	M Prentice	134	203	Fowers Fane	G Shrestak	131
32	Wizards Of Oz	M Sawley	144	135	Stade Up	S Taylor	134	203	The Professionals	G Linda	131
33	Le Boeuf And 2 Veg	R van Ruitenberg	143	136	Reservoir Dogs	A Ward	134	203	(no name)	(no name)	131
34	Dutch Courage	G Snappes United	143	137	Fantasy FC	C Rye	134	203	Graeme's Guests 1	G Carval	131
35	Snappers United	P Forrester	143	138	Allen XI	M Daniels	134	203	PL's	I But	131
36	Foreign Legion	P O'Donnell	143	139	The Dreams	D McCarthy	134	203	Beep Clap Chimney	M Swallow	131
37	Europe United	M Horns	143	140	Rodent's Rovers	D Brunt	133	203	Dave's Demons 92	G Daniels	131
38	Thom Folley FC	P Muldoon	142	141	Roaring 20s	O Atton	133	203	Unholy Alliance	J Robinson	131
39	Goofy's 2nd 11	D McCall	142	142	Reindeer	J Brown	133	203	Kapital United	R Godard	131
40	A2	K McCall	142	143	Elite FC	J Parkin	133	203	Admiral's Glories	S Carrick	131
41	Midwives	P Miles	142	144	Good Times 4	P Jones	133	203	Ashey First XI	D Pearce	131
42	Storms	U Corfield	142	145	Set Against Cys	K J Wieland	133	203	Pacemakers Utd	A Pirie	131
43	On The Up Two	S Prior</td									

The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Code	Name	Team	Pos	Goals	Wk	Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0 -3		
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	-3 +1		
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+4 +11		
10202	V Bartman	Arsenal	0.75	0 -0		
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0 -6		
10301	M Boenich	Aston Villa	3.50	0 -0		
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	+5 +13		
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.00	-1 -15		
10402	S Given	Blackburn	2.00	0 -0		
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	-2 +10		
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0 -10		
10602	K Hitchcock	Coventry City	2.00	0 -9		
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-1 -20		
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0 -0		
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	+5 -1		
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	-5 -10		
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0 -0		
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	-9 -18		
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-1 -5		
11102	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0 -0		
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0 -0		
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	-1 -15		
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	+5 +11		
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-7 -25		
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0 -0		
11502	N Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0 -0		
11503	N Maitlyn	Leeds United	2.50	-1 -8		
11601	K Peacock	Leicester City	1.00	0 -0		
11602	Z Kalac	Leicester City	0.50	0 -0		
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	-1 -6		
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	+1 +13		
11702	P Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0 -0		
11801	R Schmelzle	Manchester Utd	5.00	0 -0		
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester Utd	1.00	+5 -7		
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0 -0		
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	-3 -7		
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-1 -1		
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle Utd	4.00	0 -0		
12102	P Smicak	Newcastle Utd	3.00	+5 -4		
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-3 -11		
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0 -0		
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0 -0		
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1 -19		
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	+1 -11		
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	-2 -3		
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	-5 -5		
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0 -3		
12701	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0 -0		
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	+5 +15		
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.50	-2 -8		
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham	2.00	-1 -10		
12902	S Mautone	West Ham	0.50	+5 -5		
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	0 -6		
13002	P Head	Wimbledon	1.00	0 -0		



Ian Wright scores Arsenal's second goal on Saturday. With his ITF form soaring, it is time you considered him

Code	Name	Team	Pos	Goals	Wk	Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	-1 +3		
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0 +3		
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	+4 +7		
20301	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	-1 +1		
20302	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	+4 +13		
20303	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	+4 +14		
20304	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0 -0		
20305	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0 -0		
20306	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	+4 +8		
20401	H Berg	Blackburn	3.00	-1 -5		
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn	3.00	0 -0		
20403	J Kenny	Blackburn	3.00	0 -4		
20404	G Croft	Blackburn	1.50	0 -0		
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0 -0		
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	+0 +4		
20601	D Petrescu	Chesterfield	3.00	+4 +10		
20602	S Clarke	Chesterfield	2.00	+5 -8		
20603	T Phelan	Chesterfield	2.00	0 -0		
20604	S Minto	Chesterfield	1.00	+0 +4		
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0 -9		
20703	B Burrows	Coventry City	1.00	0 -5		
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0 -0		
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0 -2		
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	+4 -5		
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0 -2		
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0 -0		
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	+4 +4		
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0 -0		
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	-3 -6		
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0 -0		
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	-4 -4		
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	-5 -4		
21003	M Hottinger	Everton	2.50	0 -0		
21004	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	+0 +1		
21005	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	+0 +3		
21006	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0 -0		
21007	G Lock	Hearts	2.00	0 -0		
21020	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0 -4		
21030	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	+3 +11		
21032	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	+4 +11		
21040	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-3 -10		
21051	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0 -3		
21052	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0 -0		
21053	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	0 -0		
21060	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	+0 +4		
21063	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	0 -0		
21064	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0 -0		
21070	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0 -0		
21072	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0 -0		
21073	S Birbomey	Liverpool	0.50	+0 +16		
21074	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0 -0		
21081	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	4.00	+4 +13		
21082	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	+4 +7		
21083	P Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	+0 +3		
21084	F MacPherson	Middlesbrough	0.50	-3 -10		
21085	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0 -3		
21086	A Hinchcliffe	Middlesbrough	2.50	0 -0		
21087	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	+0 +3		
21088	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0 -0		
21089	G Lock	Hearts	2.00	0 -0		
21090	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0 -4		
21091	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	+3 +11		
21092	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	+4 +11		
21093	F Petrescu	Celtic	3.00	-1 -10		
21094	S Clarke	Celtic	2.00	0 -0		
21095	T Phelan	Celtic	2.00	+0 +1		
21096	S Minto	Celtic	1.50	0 -0		
21097	A Wright	Celtic	1.00	+0 +1		
21098	G Charles	Celtic	1.00	+0 +1		
21099	P King	Celtic	1.00	+0 +1		
21100	F Nelson	Celtic	1.00	+0 +1		
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## NEWS

## IRA bomb campaign foiled

■ IRA plans to devastate London with massive lorry bombs were foiled when armed police uncovered ten tons of explosive during raids in which one suspected terrorist was shot dead and five others arrested.

The explosives, two lorries, arms and other bomb-making materials were found in a north London storage unit which could have been used as a "one-stop shop" to equip IRA units for a variety of attacks in the run-up to the general election. The first attack could have been planned for today. Pages 1, 2, 3

## Success for MI5-police co-operation

■ One of the biggest joint police and MI5 mainland operations, which led to the arrest of suspects and the discovery of 10 tonnes of explosives, began after a vital piece of intelligence was uncovered by the authorities. Page 2

## Clarke crisis

Relations between Kenneth Clarke and John Major were under strain as right-wing pressure for the Chancellor's dismissal intensified. Pages 1, 12

## Headmaster attack

A 15-year-old boy "acting with a mixture of bravado and adrenalin" stabbed the headmaster, Philip Lawrence, to death outside his school gates, the Old Bailey was told. Page 5

## E for Effort

The last of the Inspector Morse mysteries was unravelled in a London bookshop. The atmosphere was Electric because that initial was all that was previously known about Inspector Morse's Christian name. Page 6

## Church code

Clergy who believe that ordination renders them immune to sexual temptation have been issued with a new code of conduct by the Church of England. Page 7

## Cracker out-thought

The days of the real-life Crackers are numbered, academics and senior police officers were told. Police forces are fast developing their own versions. Page 9

## Nurses dispute

NHS managers clashed with nurses' leaders as it emerged that more than nine out of ten health service trusts have still not agreed a salary award. Page 10

## What Thatcher thought of Major

■ Margaret Thatcher became disillusioned with John Major within three weeks of his becoming Prime Minister. And two and a half years later she suggested that the Tory party should no longer call itself "Conservative". The revelations are in George Urban's book *Diplomacy and Disillusion at the Court of Margaret Thatcher*. Pages 1, 18



The Gulf of St. Tropez was transformed into "an immense bog" yesterday after violent storms. Holidaymakers were among those stranded.

## Jobs regulation

An overhaul of employment law to prevent new recruits to small firms from making unfair dismissal claims was proposed by the Government. The scheme was part of a package from the "deregulation task force". Page 12

## Lib-Dem anger

Liberal Democrat tensions over links with Labour boiled to the surface when a senior peer urged activists by urging supporters to vote tactically for Labour in some seats. Page 13

## Russian foreboding

With President Yeltsin again confined to hospital a sense of foreboding has gripped Russia that "the noblemen" may be back. Page 14

## Finnish revelations

Nearly a century after women in Finland broke new ground by being the first in Europe to vote, the female Speaker of parliament has shattered a new barrier with a highly explicit book about her sex life. Page 15

## Perot goes to law

Ross Perot started a law suit to stop next month's presidential debates unless he is allowed to participate. Page 16

## Bhutto exhaustion

Pakistan is exhausted by Benazir Bhutto. No elected leader has been more unpopular since the state was founded in 1947. Page 17

## BUSINESS

Lloyd's: At least 50 Lloyd's names are to be pursued for more than £1 million each, in a dramatic hardening of attitude by authorities at the insurance market. Page 27

Gas: Serious computer and phone problems have led to another collapse in British Gas's national service network. Customers face a long wait if their central heating breaks down. Page 27

Sainsbury: The British supermarket chain is further expanding its American operations at a cost of \$52 million. Page 27

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 44.4 to 3919.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 86.1 after a rise from \$1.5550 to \$1.5568 and unchanged against the mark at DM2.3557. Page 30

## SPORT

Rugby union: Will Carling, the former England captain, has been recalled to the national training squad along with Jeremy Guscott, the Bath centre. Page 52

Cricket: Alan Lee reflects on the 1996 domestic season. Plus: all the statistics and the full first-class averages. Page 43

Golf: The European team suffered in the Solheim Cup, which was retained by the United States because of the decision taken two years ago to increase the size of the teams. Page 50

Racing: Celeric, the progressive four-year-old, has been ruled out of the Melbourne Cup in November, in order that he might take on an ambitious cup campaign next year. Page 46

## ARTS

Toronto triumphs: A delightful new Irish film, *Snakes and Ladders*, plenty of famous actors trying to direct; and Debbie Reynolds's first major role for 25 years: these were the highlights of the Toronto Film Festival. Page 43

Male room: Homoerotic photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe have gone on show in London. "A intense, singular vision would surely have deepened," says Richard Cork. Page 44

Late recognition: The 93-year-old composer Berthold Goldschmidt, who fled to London to escape the Nazis, enjoys the recognition he deserved in his youth. Page 45

Elgar weekend: Thrilling performances of Elgar's three great oratorios at the Barbican. Page 45

## FEATURES

Thatcher's fall: George Urban, who was a close adviser to Margaret Thatcher, continues his remarkable diaries with the story of how she reacted to her enforced resignation and her doubts about whether John Major would continue her policies. Page 18

Truth test: Megalomaniac, adulterer, cheat and fraudster — the oil tycoon Armand Hammer was all of these, says Neil Lyndon, but he wonders whether a new biographer will meet the challenge of the full truth. Page 19

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